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# HISTORY OF BASKETBALL AT OREGON STATE COLLEGE FROM 1928 THROUGH 1949

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

At the time Amory Tingle Gill became head basketball coach at Oregon State College in the fall of 1928, the Beavers had had some good seasons along with the bad. Their last title was a Northern Division championship during the season of 1924-25. They won the championship in a play-off game against the University of Oregon. From the time the Northern Division Conference was formed in 1922 up to 1933 the University of Washington had dominated the division, winning six titles and tying for one. From the season of 1927-28 through 1931-32 they had won five championships in a row.

In those days the second floor of the Men's Gymnasium served fairly adequately, not only as a playing floor for basketball, but also for student assemblies, convocations, concerts, lectures, and commencements. A majority of the 3800 students of that time could find seats in the balcony and in temporary bleachers around the playing floor.

For preseason and other non-conference games the Beavers usually played small colleges of Oregon and Washington and the stronger independent teams of Portland and San Francisco. In practice games they sometimes played teams from the Southern Division of the Coast Conference, but for the most part, competition was confined to the Pacific Northwest.

In the quarter century following "Slat's" Gill's advent as head coach, however, great changes took place in Oregon State College basketball. By 1955, when Slat's was finishing twenty-seven years as head man, the Beavers had won the Northern Division title eight times. They had gone on to win the Pacific Coast Conference championship four times by winning the play-off series with the winner of the Southern Division title. Three times they had played in the Western Regional tournaments sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In two of those years they had represented the West at Kansas City and went far enough in the tournament one year to finish fourth in the national ratings.

Changes also came about in facilities. As the O.S.C. student enrollment and faculty expanded in the late 1930's and interest in basketball greatly increased, the Men's Gymnasium became entirely inadequate to handle the crowds of spectators who sought admission to games. Following World War II, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education had the foresight to make possible the erection of one of the very finest basketball plants in the nation. At a cost of \$1,800,000 the Coliseum, financed entirely by student fees and bonded indebtedness to be paid off by student fees, was completed in 1949. This marvelous structure, referred to by many sports writers as the "Gill" Coliseum, permits 10,000 spectators to have an unobstructed view of the playing floor. In fact, by the end of the 1955 season, basketball audiences had exceeded the 10,000 mark nine times.

With this sort of seating capacity available, with the increased

interest in basketball, and with teams that achieved regional and national reputations, preseason competition brought to the campus some of the best teams in the nation. Champions from other conferences and teams ranking high in national standing sought the opportunity to play in Corvallis. The Beavers also became sought after on their barnstorming preseason tours across the country. They have competed in Madison Square Garden and in invitational tournaments in San Francisco, Denver, and Raleigh, North Carolina.

Many factors, of course, contributed to this tremendous upsurge in basketball at Oregon State College, but the most important single factor was the leadership of the head coach. As a developer of men as well as of athletes and athletic teams, Coach Slat Gill has gained the admiration and gratitude of many generations of players. As a teacher of the fundamentals of human relationships as well as of the techniques of basketball, he has performed an invaluable service not only to Oregon State College and the state of Oregon but also to the entire collegiate sports program.

#### Purpose of Study

The purpose of this thesis is to show how intercollegiate basketball at Oregon State College developed under the careful supervision of Coach Gill in the critical twenty-year period from 1928-29 through 1948-49. The method used to show this dynamic, unfolding process is to present a brief synopsis of each game played during those years. This method makes it possible for the reader to see how, game by game, and season by season, the coach modified the system of play

employed to the abilities of the players available.

In addition, it is the purpose of this thesis to make available to interested alumni, present students, and basketball fans of Oregon State College a chronological summary of Oregon State's basketball contests of this twenty-year period. It will also serve as a collected reference source to those individuals who played basketball at Oregon State during those years.

## BASKETBALL AT OREGON STATE COLLEGE PRIOR TO 1928

The first basketball game by an Oregon State team was played in February 1902 when Oregon Agricultural College journeyed to Salem to meet Willamette University.

To report that the O.A.C. team was victorious in its first basketball game would be gratifying, but such was hardly the case. The Aggies went down to defeat 63-to-11. A week later Willamette traveled to Corvallis to find the Aggies a much improved quintet as they displayed a complete reversal of form in defeating the Bearcats 14-to-11.

The game was played in the Armory, which in turn became the Women's Gym and the museum building and is now the Playhouse Theatre. Credit for this first victory went to Captain Marion "Pappy" Stokes and Claude Cate, forwards; Merrill Moores, center; and Karl Steiwer and Ralph Porterfield, guards. With the exception of Harvey E. "Rat" Rinehart of Wheeler, who replaced Porterfield at guard in 1902-03, Claude "Skeeter" Swann, who played forward in 1903-04 and filled Claude Cate's spot the next season, the lineups for the first four years seldom varied from the one which scored that victory over Willamette.

One of the great Oregon Aggie teams was the 1906 quintet which went undefeated in 11 games and gave O.A.C. the first undefeated season. Members of this squad were "Skeet" Swann, Grover Cate, Harry Cooper, Captain Nollie Reed, Henry Rooper and Hamon Bilyeu. This squad returned for 1907 intact, plus center Walter "Shorty" Foster. The

season's record was 19 wins, including the first 18, which extended the previous year's winning streak to 28; and one defeat.

The first Pacific Northwest Conference title was won in 1908-09 with forward Merv Horton and Captain Harry Cooper, Bert Burdick, center Grover Cate, back from 1906 and 1907, and Everett May and Claude Mattson at guards.

The Pacific Coast Conference came into existence during the 1915-16 season with O.A.C. and California tied for the championship, as plans for a play-off in Corvallis fell through. Captain Ade Sieberts and Ira Mix were the leaders. Both men received all-coast and all-northwest honors in 1917-18. Another title came to the Aggies, when 15 straight games were won in its only undefeated season, other than 1905-06. Coach and Captain Hod Ray, Clarence Krueger, Butts Rearden were all-coast, and Northern Division selections.

In 1923-24 O.A.C. won another Northwest title after a three year slump. Instrumental in winning the championship under Coach Bob Hager was Captain Slat Gill. All-American Gill had fine help from Carlos Steele, Red Ridings, Pete Stoddard, Elwood Lyman, and George Brown.

The last title before the Coach Slat Gill era came in 1924-25 when the Orangemen were Northern Division Champions, led by Captain Carlos Steele, an All-American, who teamed with Ridings, Stoddard, Brown, Loris Baker, Fred Diwocky, and Ray Graap.

Many men served as coaches up until the Slat Gill era. Physical Director "Pat" Patterson supervised the 1901-02 team and also in

1902-03 until Josh Viggers came to coach in February and March.

W. O. "Dad" Trine coached with assistance from Zopher Thorp through 1906-07.

Trainer Roy Heater was coach in 1907-08 followed by Emmett D. Angell for two years. Clifford "Teddy" Reed was a player-coach in 1910-11. Dr. E. J. Stewart coached for a five-year period and then Thomas E. May was graduate manager and coached in 1917. Hod Ray was player-coach in 1918. Bill Hargass coached for two years as did Dick Rutherford in 1921 and 1922, previous to the arrival of Coach Bob Hager, who lasted six years. Then came the Gill era.

### Coach Slat's Gill

In Amory T. "Slat's" Gill, Oregon State College has one of the truly great coaches in America. One of the keenest students of the game as well as one of its most inspiring and capable teachers, Slat's Gill has coached and taught basketball for three decades.

As a basketball player himself, Slat's Gill is recognized as one of Oregon State's great players. While at Salem High School, Slat's had the distinction of being picked on the first all-state high school basketball team. He also repeated this in his senior year. Coming to Oregon State in the fall of 1920, Slat's went on to establish an outstanding record during his four years. As a sophomore in the 1921-22 season he was selected on both the All-Northern Division and the All-Pacific Coast Conference first teams.

During his junior year, or the season of 1922-23, he was chosen on the All-Northern Division first team besides being the team's top scorer for the season.

He topped his brilliant career as a player when at the end of his senior year he was selected by the Helm's Athletic Foundation to their 1923-24 All-American college team. During this year he was again chosen on the All-Northern Division and All-Pacific Coast Conference teams.

As a player Gill is remembered as being a great competitor with a great desire to win. He excelled in dribbling and ball handling plus being a good all-around shot and outstanding defensive player.

Upon graduation from Oregon State, Slat's accepted a coaching position at Oakland High School in California in 1925 and his first team there tied for the championship of the city league. In 1926 he returned to Oregon State as freshman basketball coach. After two years on this job, during which time his Rooks beat the University of Oregon Frosh in seven out of eight tries, Slat's was promoted to the varsity coaching post in 1928. And from that point on, Slat's Gill has been synonymous with basketball success at Oregon State College.

It was a long, tough building job to develop strong enough Orange forces to break the long domination by the University of Washington in the Northern Division. But Slat's' hard work paid off and in 1933 the Beavers knocked the Huskies out of the division title for the first time in six years and went on to win the Pacific Coast Conference championship. From 1933 through 1949, Oregon State was the Northern Division title holder six times. Three times, in 1933, 1947, and 1949, the Beavers went on to win the Coast championship. The 1949 team finished fourth in the national rankings as a result of their fourth place finish in the N.C.A.A. final play-offs.

During this twenty-year period of varsity coaching Gill produced eight All-Americans plus innumerable all-coast and all-northern division performers.

The All-American performers were Mark "Buck" Grayson, 1930; Ed Lewis, 1933; Wally Palmberg, 1936; John Mandic, 1942; Don Durdan, 1943; Lew Beck, 1947; Ephraim "Red" Rocha, 1947; Cliff Grandall, 1948 and 1949.

All-Pacific Coast Conference performers, first team selections, were Ed Lewis, 1933; George Hibbard, 1935; Wally Palmberg, 1936; Al Hunter, 1940; John Mandic, 1942; Ephriam "Red" Rocha, 1945, 1946, and 1947; Lew Beck, 1947; Cliff Crandall, 1948 and 1949.

The All-Northern Division performers, first team selections, were Kenny Fagans, 1931; Ed Lewis, 1933; Forrest "Skeet" O'Connell, 1933; Fred "Red" MacDonald, 1934; George Hibbard, 1935; Wally Palmberg, 1935 and 1936; Frank Mandic, 1940; Al Hunter, 1940; John Mandic, 1941 and 1942; Lew Beck, 1943; Ephriam "Red" Rocha, 1945, 1946, and 1947; Cliff Drandall, 1948 and 1949.

For this twenty-year period Oregon State's basketball record is shown in Table I. A record of the school's performances against each team in the Northern Division is brought out in Table II. Table III shows Oregon State's record in Pacific Coast Conference play-offs, Northern Division play-offs, N.C.A.A. tournaments, and Olympic Game try-outs.

To those players who have been associated with Slat's Gill during his years of coaching, Gill is held in the highest regard. This regard is not only for his abilities as a coach of basketball, but for the manner in which he introduced the many ingredients which go into the makeup of a mature individual.

Slat's always inspired the sincere loyalty, respect and confidence of his players, because he portrayed these qualities himself in all his associations with his players.

Those who have gone into coaching have always marveled at

Gill's ability to mold the type of game his teams play around the available material. He has evidenced great imagination for the game, and knows and uses all systems of offense and defense with equal skill.

He has never lacked the fortitude to attempt the unorthodox, even knowing the clamor it would bring from the critics, and such perseverance to his ideals has often been the difference between victory and defeat.

TABLE I

## Oregon State College Basketball Record 1928-1949

Year	Non-Conference		Conference	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1928-29	8	2	4	6
1929-30	7	4	7	9
1930-31	10	2	9	7
1931-32	4	4	8	8
1932-33	7	1	12	4
1933-34	7	1	7	9
1934-35	6	3	12	4
1935-36	6	3	10	6
1936-37	6	3	5	11
1937-38	11	2	6	14
1938-39	6	1	6	10
1939-40	15	5	12	4
1940-41	10	2	9	7
1941-42	6	2	11	5
1942-43	11	1	8	8
1943-44	3	5	5	11
1944-45	10	2	10	6
1945-46	3	5	10	6
1946-47	12	1	13	3
1947-48	11	1	10	6
1948-49	9	5	12	4
Totals	168	55	186	148

TABLE II

Oregon State College Northern Division Conference Record 1928-1949

Season	Oregon		Idaho		Washington		Washington State		Montana	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1928-29	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0
1929-30	1	3	2	2	3	1	1	3		
1930-31	2	2	4	0	1	3	2	2		
1931-32	2	2	4	0	2	2	0	4		
1932-33	4	0	3	1	3	1	2	2		
1933-34	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2		
1934-35	3	1	4	0	2	2	3	1		
1935-36	3	1	4	0	0	4	3	1		
1936-37	0	4	3	1	2	2	0	4		
1937-38	1	3	0	4	1	3	0	4	4	0
1938-39	1	3	4	0	1	3	0	4		
1939-40	3	1	4	0	3	1	2	2		
1940-41	1	3	3	1	2	2	3	1		
1941-42	3	1	4	0	2	2	2	2		
1942-43	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	2		
1943-44	0	4	4	0	0	4	1	3		
1944-45	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	1		
1945-46	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	1		
1946-47	4	0	3	1	3	1	3	1		
1947-48	1	3	3	1	2	2	4	0		
1948-49	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1		
Totals	39	43	64	18	38	44	39	43	6	0

TABLE III

Record in Pacific Coast Conference Play-Offs  
Northern Division, N.C.A.A. and Olympic Try-Outs

Year	P.C.C.		Northern Division		N.C.A.A.		Olympic Try-Outs	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1932-33	2	1						
1934-35	1	2						
1935-36							1	1
1939-40	0	2						
1941-42	1	2						
1946-47	2	0			1	1		
1947-48			0	1				
1948-49	2	1			1	2		
Totals	8	8	0	1	2	3	1	1

## CHAPTER II

## OREGON STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS 1928-33

## 1928-29 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Bob Hager, basketball coach at Oregon State College for nearly six years resigned his post Monday, July 30, 1928. The dissatisfaction at not having been given consideration as a successor to W. A. Keerns as athletic director was named to be the reason for Hager's resignation. Hager gave no inkling what his future plans would be.

Amory T. Gill, freshman basketball coach at Oregon State College was named head basketball coach by the Board of Control. Coach Gill, ex-Salem High School star and ex-Oregon State College great, had established an excellent coaching record. He began his career as baseball and basketball coach at Oakland High School in California. During his two years of coaching the Beaver yearlings they won seven out of eight games from the University of Oregon freshmen. For the over-all schedule, his teams won 26 out of 34 games in his two years.

For Oregon State's first basketball practice twenty-seven turned out to greet Amory T. "Slats" Gill, and were put through a two-hour workout. Helping Slats was Bill Barr, captain of the 1927-28 Beaver team. The following men were present at the workout; Frank "Bus" Wascher, Frank Patterson, captain, Carl Aase, Oramel Shreeve, James "Mush" Torson, Cliff Cordy, Rod Ballard, Sid Johnson, Ralph Callahan, John Janzek, Eugene O'Bryan, Mark "Buck" Grayson, Gene Duncan, John Drager, Harold Conklin, and Bob Drager. With the completion of the

football season, four more basketball aspirants turned out: Howard Maple, George Scott, Colton Whitlock, and Bill McKalip.

Out of this large group of men only five were varsity lettermen; Torson, Patterson, Wascher, Shreeve, and Aase.

With only a few veterans to choose from, Coach Gill had a hard time finding the smoothest working combination for the first string hoopsters.

Multnomah Athletic Club 20 -- O.S.C. 47, Portland, December 21, 1928.

Oregon State College opened its 1928-1929 basketball season with a 47-to-20 victory over the Multnomah Athletic Club on the Winged "M" floor.

The chargers of "Slats" Gill broke too fast for the clubmen and shot too accurately. The Beavers were master of the game from the start, being led by Ballard and Wascher who scored 11 and 7 points respectively.

Checker Board 27 -- O.S.C. 39, Portland, December 22, 1928.

The Beavers' second outing was against the Checker Board independent team of Portland. The game was played at Benson High School with O.S.C. pulling away in the last quarter for a 39-to-27 victory. Going into the fourth quarter the Gillmen were leading by one point and then the game broke wide open. The Orange and Black, sensing defeat, took advantage of the breaks in the fourth quarter and went on to play their best basketball of the night. Callahan, with 11 points, led the Orangemen in scoring.

In the first two games the play of two sophomores stood out; Ballard and Callahan. Ballard led the team in scoring with 14 points and was closely followed by Callahan with 11. A converted guard, Torson looked very good at center in his first two outings. The two guard spots were handled very nicely by Wascher, co-captain, and O'Bryan.

On December 27, thirteen Oregon State College hoopmen, with Coach Gill, left for Puget Sound where they met the College of Puget Sound five on the 28th and the Tacoma Sciots on the 29th. On the northern journey the Orangemen were without the services of Callahan, sophomore forward who was called home. Men making the trip were Carl Aase, Torson, and Conklin, centers; Ballard, Patterson, Cordy, Duncan, and Robert Drager, forwards; John Drager, Shreeve, Wascher, Grayson, and O'Bryan, guards.

College of Puget Sound 27 -- O.S.C. 45, Tacoma, Washington, December 28, 1928.

The Aggies were victorious over the College of Puget Sound 45-to-27, in their first game of two in the Puget Sound area. Torson with 13 points led the O.S.C. quintet to victory.

Tacoma Sciots 36 -- O.S.C. 32, Tacoma, Washington, December 29, 1928.

The Oregon State five met with its first defeat at the hands of the Tacoma Sciots in Tacoma, Washington. The Sciots defeated the Aggies, 36-to-32, in an overtime engagement.

Willamette University 31 -- O.S.C. 39, Salem, Oregon, January 2, 1929.

January 2, 1929, the Aggie five journeyed to Salem to encounter the Willamette University Bearcats and came out with a 39-to-31 victory. Slats' team played a tight zone defense and employed a fast break offense. Jim "Mush" Torson got 17 points from his center position. Ballard was second with 8 points. Arrangements were made between Coach Gill and Coach Roy S. "Spec" Keene of the Bearcats for another game to be played at Corvallis on January 11.

Willamette University 24 -- O.S.C. 21, Corvallis, Oregon, January 4, 1929.

The second encounter between the two teams was held in Corvallis and resulted in a setback for the Aggies. The Bearcats came out on top by a 24-to-21 score. The Orange started out as though it would be a walkaway, and then the tide turned, and Willamette took over with a spurge of 15 points to Oregon State's one. In the closing minutes, O.S.C. came fast and almost went ahead. Oregon State hit eight out of nine free throws. This was the first home encounter of the season for the Aggies.

Multnomah Athletic Club 18 -- O.S.C. 37, Corvallis, Oregon, December 5, 1929.

With Oregon State showing its best form of the young season, the Multnomah Athletic Club was defeated 37-to-18. The Aggies led at half time by 16 to 8 and kept this 2-to-1 lead all the way. Ballard led all scorers with 10 points.

Gonzaga 20 -- O.S.C. 36, Corvallis, Oregon, December 10, 1929.

Flashing a consistent offense the Oregon Aggie quintet scored a 36-to-20 victory over the invading Gonzaga Bulldogs (1, p.13). The Aggies close checking defense forced Gonzaga's offense outside. Right from the start the Orangemen meant business as they went to a six-point lead before Gonzaga found the basket. They went on to lead the Zaga men at half time, 16 to 11. Ballard, Torson, and Wascher led Oregon State scorers with 6, 8 and 7 points respectively.

Willamette University 22 -- O.S.C. 46, Corvallis, Oregon, December 11, 1929.

The final and deciding game of a three-tilt series with Willamette University was played at Corvallis and turned out to be a victory for O.S.C. by the score of 46-to-22. Wascher and Ballard led the scoring with 12 and 10 points respectively. The Orangemen showed a decided improvement in their all-around play which made the outlook for the coming conference play much brighter.

At the end of a seven-game preseason schedule Torson, the lanky Orange center, led his teammates in scoring with 50 points, being closely followed by Ballard who had 49. Grayson, Wascher, Callahan, Patterson, Drayer, O'Bryan and Aase followed in that order.

#### Conference Games.

Slats Gill announced that he would take a ten-man squad on the conference road trip which included games with Washington State, Idaho,

Montana, and Washington, all conference members, and a game with Gonzaga in Spokane.

Coach Gill and the traveling squad left for Pullman, Washington on January 18 for their conference opener against Washington State College. The squad included Patterson, Callahan, Bob Drager and Ballard, forwards; Carl Aase and Torson, centers; Grayson, O'Bryan, Wascher and Whitlock, guards.

Washington State College 30 -- O.S.C. 18, Pullman, Washington, Jan. 19, 1929.

Oregon State's conference debut for 1929 was a rude one as the Cougars of Washington State handed them a decisive beating at Pullman by the score of 30-to-18. The Cougars took the lead right from the start and ran up a 16-to-6 lead at half time. The Beavers were well in the doldrums for seven minutes of the second half as they didn't score a point until a whole new unit was injected into the game by Coach Gill. The new team showed flashes of starting a rally only to have the Cougars come back and make their close checking game effective.

University of Idaho 22 -- O.S.C. 23, Moscow, Idaho, January 21, 1929.

The Beavers were victorious in their second conference outing by coming from behind to defeat Idaho 23-to-22 at Moscow, Idaho.

Idaho went right out and took the lead at the start of the game only to have it tied at the first quarter through the efforts of Wascher and Patterson. The Idahoans then recovered their poise and went on to lead at half time, 16 to 10. The second period opened with Oregon

State having three substitutes in its line-up, but after ten minutes Idaho was still leading, 21-to-14. In the closing minutes the Beavers turned to long shots to try and turn the tide and were successful as Callahan, Ballard, and O'Bryan found the range. In the last minute, Ballard took a long shot which balanced on the top of the backboard then rolled off into the basket and gave Oregon State their one-point lead and first conference victory. Wascher and Ballard led Oregon State scorers with six and four points.

Gonzaga University 30 -- O.S.C. 32, Spokane, Washington, January 22, 1929.

Oregon State went out of the Conference for its second victory in two nights when it defeated Gonzaga University at Spokane, Washington. The Orangemen were victors by the score of 32-to-30 in a very close ball game. Just before the final gun sounded Ballard again scored the winning marker.

Montana University 25 -- O.S.C. 29, Missoula, Montana, January 23, 1929.

With Ballard scoring 15 points the Beavers went on to defeat Montana University at Missoula, Montana, by the score of 29-to-25. This was the Aggies' third win in three nights. The Orangemen's next game was against the University of Washington at Seattle.

University of Washington 35 -- O.S.C. 24, Seattle, Washington, January 25, 1929.

The strong University of Washington quintet gave the Beavers their second conference defeat by upsetting the Corvallis hopefuls

35-to-24. The Husky hoopsters jumped into a 9-to-2 lead in the first five minutes (2, p.16). Coach Gill tried to stem the Husky onslaught with numerous substitutions but nothing seemed to keep the hot Huskies down. Ballard again was the main Oregon State threat as he led his teammates with 8 points being closely followed by Patterson with 7 points.

With four weeks of the conference season gone by the Beavers were entrenched in fourth place in the conference with a two-win, two-loss record. Ballard held down the number three spot in the Northern Division individual scoring race with 31 points, just four points under the leader.

Oregon State's next conference outing was against the University of Oregon at Corvallis. After a week of strenuous workouts, topped by daily scrimmage with the Rooks, Slats announced the following starting line-up: Ballard and Torson, forwards; Whitlock, center; and Patterson and Wascher, guards. The Webfoots were made favorites because of their veteran line-up.

University of Oregon 30 -- O.S.C. 21, Corvallis, Oregon, February 2, 1929.

The Webfoots backed up their favorite role by defeating the Beavers in their first meeting of the season by the score of 30-to-21. Oregon ran up 10 points before Wascher scored from the field after six minutes of play had gone by. The Orangemen trailed at half time 20-to-13. During the second half the game was played on more even terms and in general was slow and featured many fouls and weak shooting by both sides.

University of Montana 26 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, February 4, 1929.

The brilliant work of Ballard and Grayson gave the Orangemen a well deserved victory over Montana, 28-to-26, in their second home conference appearance. A slow first half found the Montana University five leading, 16-to-13. Grayson made the initial basket of the second half after five minutes of torrid struggling. Quick baskets by Grayson and Ballard pulled the Beavers within one point of the Grizzlies and from there on the Beavers took charge of the game and went on to victory. Ballard with 12 points, and Grayson with 8, led the Beaver attack. With this victory, Oregon State brought its conference record back to 500 percent with a three-win, three-loss record.

University of Oregon 35 -- O.S.C. 26, Eugene, Oregon, February 9, 1929.

The second Oregon State - Oregon game of the year was played at Eugene and again the Webfoots came out on top, 35-to-26, due to their ability to hit their foul shots. Both teams had 10 field goals but Oregon added 15 points from the free throw line while the Beavers could only gather six. The half time score was 19-to-14, with Oregon leading. Quick baskets by Whitlock and Torson at the start of the second half brought the Beavers up to within one point, 19-to-18, but then Oregon's scoring combination of Eberhardt and Ridings started to function and they ran the score to 29-to-20. The two Oregon aces maintained their good scoring and led the Webfeet to victory. Ballard again led the Orangemen and all scorers with 14 points.

Washington State College 35 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 15, 1929.

With Washington State outplaying the Beavers badly in the first half and running up a 20-to-7 half time lead, the Orangemen came back hard in the second half and came within six points at one time, but could never keep up a sustained offense, and went down to defeat, 35-to-26. This defeat, their second in a row, left the Beavers with a three and five record and fifth place in the conference standing.

University of Idaho 39 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, February 19,  
1929.

"On February the 19th an enterprising quintet of Oregon State College youngsters went on a rampage and proceeded to drop the ball in the basket from all angles to the extent that Idaho went home chastened 44-to-39" (3, p.29). This was the Orangemen's best effort of the season. O'Bryan, along with Grayson and Ballard, led the Beavers to this victory. O'Bryan with 12 points led the Beavers, being followed by Grayson with 10 and Ballard with 8 points.

University of Washington 37 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 23, 1929.

The undefeated University of Washington five came to Corvallis on February 23, 1929, and dealt the Beavers their sixth defeat of the conference season 37-to-28. It was also the Beavers' last game of the season. The Orangemen went down battling as they forced the Huskies all the way and worked up to a 28-to-28 tie with three minutes to go.

The Huskies then broke loose and ran up nine points while the Beavers went scoreless. Ballard shared high scoring honors with Jaloff, Husky scoring ace. They both had 10 points.

The Oregon State Beavers closed their 1928-29 season in fourth place in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference. Even the staunchest Orange supporters did not expect "Slats" Gill's Beavers to end up in any spot but the cellar. It was quite an accomplishment for Gill to bring his boys into the fourth spot.

Ballard led all Beaver scorers with a total of 160 points for the whole season with the next closest man being Torson. The Orange letter winners were Ballard, Aase, Patterson, O'Bryan, Callahan, Grayson, Wascher, Torson, Whitlock, and Robert Drager.

Rod Ballard also finished high in the Northern Division scoring race with 83 points which gave him fourth place. Ballard and Frank Patterson were also given honorable mention on College Humor's All-American basketball team.

## 1929-30 Basketball Season

### Preseason Prospects and Games.

A total of 25 men turned out in the fall of 1929 for Slat's Gill's first hoop call and included were seven lettermen from last year's varsity and all members of last year's very successful Rook team.

For the first time since Slat's Gill had taken over the varsity coaching reins, the Oregon State Beavers resumed their preseason jaunt into California. The Beavers also made one appearance in Portland and that against the Multnomah Athletic Club in the opening game of the season.

A fourteen-man traveling squad left Corvallis December 6 to meet the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland in their first game of the season. The traveling squad consisted of; Ralph Callahan, Ken Fagans, Buck Grayson, Rod Ballard, Cotton Whitlock, Mose Lyman, Joe Mack, Bob Drager, Sid Johnson, Heinie Hort, Tom Duffey, Mush Torson, Howard Merrill, and John Janzik.

The Orangemen did not elect a regular team captain during the season but had a game captain for each contest named by Coach Gill from among the veterans. At the end of the season an honorary captain was named by the squad.

Multnomah Athletic Club 18 -- O.S.C. 25, Portland, Oregon, December 6, 1929.

Forced to come from behind in the last few minutes, Oregon

State won from the Multnomah Athletic Club quintet 25-to-18 as Slats Gill shifted his lineup at intervals to give his regulars a chance in the first real opposition met this season. Rod Ballard led all scorers with a total of seven points in the loosely played contest and Buck Grayson was commended for his fine defense work.

Six lettermen and four sophomores were picked by Slats Gill to make up the traveling squad for the Orangemen's invasion of California.

San Francisco Olympic Club 33 -- O.S.C. 24, San Francisco, California, December 19, 1929.

In the Beavers' second outing of the season they met defeat at the hands of the San Francisco Olympic Club by the score of 33-to-24. The game started slowly but developed into a fast contest in the second half. Cotton Whitlock and Buck Grayson led the Orangemen with six points apiece.

San Francisco YMI 33 -- O.S.C. 24, San Francisco, California, December 20, 1929.

The Beavers' second outing of their preseason jaunt was against the San Francisco YMI Club and again it was a defeat 33-to-24. Oregon State lost the night before by the same score to the Olympic Club. The winners gathered 13 of their points on free throws. Score at half time was 16-to-15 in favor of the YMI. Rod Ballard played brilliantly for the Orangemen and led the O.S.C. scoring with eight points.

Santa Clara 30 -- O.S.C. 36, San Francisco, California, December 21, 1929.

Oregon State showed a reversal of form in their third game in the San Francisco area by defeating Santa Clara at Dreamland Auditorium 36-to-30. The Orangemen displayed a much superior brand of basketball against the Broncos. Aggie forward, Rod Ballard, was high-point man with 13 points. Ralph Callahan and Buck Grayson came next in the scoring column with six and eight points respectively.

Stanford University 24 -- O.S.C. 29, Palo Alto, California,  
December 26, 1929.

Led by guard, Buck Grayson, who accounted for nine field goals, the Oregon State Beavers went on to defeat Stanford University 29-to-24 at Palo Alto. The Beavers led at half-time 14 to 6, and at one time during the second half were leading 25-to-16.

St. Mary's College 29 -- O.S.C. 21, San Francisco, California,  
December 27, 1929.

Its defense cracking before the second half onslaught of St. Mary's Galloping Gaels, the O.S.C. basketball team went down to defeat by a score of 29-to-21. The first half was a nip and tuck affair with the Beavers holding a slight edge at half time 16-to-15. The Saints opened the second half with a bang and soon took the lead which they increased as the game progressed.

St. Mary's College 20 -- O.S.C. 33, San Francisco, California,  
December 28, 1929.

The Aggie men came back strong in the second game of the two-game series with St. Mary's and defeated the Gaels 33-to-20 at Kezar

Pavilion in San Francisco. The Beavers functioned in "big league" style in making up for the trimming they received the night before. Piling up an early lead, the Orangemen held the advantage throughout. Cotton Whitlock was the big thorn in the Gaels' side as he led the Beavers with 10 points being closely followed by Rod Ballard with 8 points.

College of Pacific 26 -- O.S.C. 24, Stockton, California, December 30, 1929.

Led by a speedy sophomore center, "Brieze" O'Pale, the College of Pacific nosed out the Aggies 26-to-24 at Stockton, California. The Pacific team came from behind in the second half and then staved off an Oregon State rally to win the game.

Chico State 24 -- O.S.C. 42, Chico, California, December 31, 1929.

Oregon State basketballers defeated Chico State Teachers College 42-to-24 in their final game of the California barnstorming tour. With Mose Lyman scoring 17 points the Beavers were in command at all times.

Willamette University 25 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, January 3, 1930.

The Beavers returned to Corvallis after a very successful invasion of California where they won five games out of eight. With only a couple of days rest, the Aggies opened their home season against Willamette and came out on the long end of a 34-to-25 score. The greatest crowd for an opening game in many years saw Willamette put up a stubborn fight against the Beavers. The half ended in favor of the Beavers

22-to-14. Aggie scoring was led by Rod Ballard with 12 and Ralph Callahan with 8.

Willamette University 36 -- O.S.C. 39, Salem, Oregon, January 4, 1930.

In the second game of a two-game series the Beavers had to come from behind in the second half to gain a 39-to-36 victory over Willamette. The Bearcats led by Scales and Hank led at the half 21-to-10. Leading the Beaver attack in the second half was Ralph Callahan who led all scorers with 12 points. Cotton Whitlock and Rod Ballard followed Callahan in the Beaver scoring column with nine and eight points.

In the 11 game preseason schedule the Beavers ended up with a seven-won and four-loss record. The five top scorers for the 11 games ran in this order: Ballard, 76; Grayson, 62; Whitlock, 54; Callahan, 51; and Fagans, 30.

#### Conference Games:

"Slats" Gill was admitted to Salem hospital with pneumonia just before the opening conference game against the University of Idaho. Slats did not return to his coaching duties until the week before the first Oregon game on February 1.

In his absence, Dick Newman, last year's freshman coach, was in charge.

University of Idaho 41 -- O.S.C. 23, Corvallis, Oregon, January 10, 1930.

A flashy Idaho quintet came into Corvallis to defeat the Beavers 41-to-23 in the opening conference game for both teams. The Idaho five

started a bit slow but played well enough to earn a 16-to-11 lead at half time. Rod Ballard was the only shining light for the Beavers as he led his teammates with 10 points. The Beavers played without Slat Gill on the bench as Slat was still in the hospital.

University of Idaho 27 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon, January 11, 1930.

Showing a complete reversal of form the Beavers came back in the second game and defeated the Idaho Vandals 40-to-27. Coach Newman altered his line-up slightly by starting Mose Lyman at center in place of Whitlock. The Orangemen took the lead right at the start and were never headed throughout the game and led at half time 24-to-16. Grayson led the Beavers with 12 points and was closely followed by Rod Ballard with 10 points and Mose Lyman also with 10 points.

Washington State College 40 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, January 13, 1930.

With Art McLarney leading the way, Washington State College defeated the Beavers in the first game of a two-game series at Corvallis. McLarney scored 17 points in the W.S.C. 40-to-27 victory. Claude Holsten helped the Cougar cause along with 14 points. The Beavers were in the game throughout the first half being only four points behind at the half, 20-to-16. Buck Grayson led the Beaver scorers with seven points.

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, January 14, 1930.

The Beavers again were at the short end of scoring in their

second game with W.S.C. 28-to-27. During the first half it was all W.S.C. as they led by nine points 19-to-10 at half time. The Beavers came out strong at the start of the second half as Rod Ballard was fouled in the act of shooting and received two shots along with his scored basket which gave the Beavers four points at the outset of the half. The quick start seemed to give the Orangemen new life and the game turned into one of the most exciting contests in many years. With less than a minute to go the Beavers trailed 28-to-23, but with four quick points by Merrill and Callahan, Orange forwards, the Beavers total was brought to 27 as the final gun sounded. The Beaver scoring was spread out evenly through the game.

With one victory in four starts in the young Northern Division race, the Beavers prepared themselves for the invasion of Seattle to meet the Washington Huskies in their next series.

University of Washington 24 -- O.S.C. 34, Seattle, Washington,  
January 17, 1930.

In the Beavers' first outing in Seattle they defeated the highly touted Huskies by a score of 34-to-24. The Beavers were trailing up until the last five minutes of the game. The Huskies only scored one point to O.S.C.'s 18 points in the last seven minutes of the game. Oregon State's Rod Ballard, Ken Fagans and Buck Grayson led them to the great upset victory. Buck Grayson was Oregon State's leading scorer and also the game's leading scorer with 10 points.

University of Washington 36 -- O.S.C. 24, Seattle, Washington,  
January 18, 1930.

The second game of the Washington series in Seattle saw a fighting Husky five looking for revenge and they got just that as they defeated the Beavers 36-to-24. The Beavers started out very slowly, missing numerous good shots. Oregon State started to show a little spark when Mush Torson replaced Ken Fagans and immediately hit for two points with one of his famous long shots. The spark did not last long as the Huskies kept coming and ran up a 20-to-13 lead at half time. Buck Grayson again led the Beavers in scoring with eight points. The thorn in the Beaver side was the flashing and quick Washington forward, Swanson, who accounted for 14 of Washington's points.

With the completion of six games the Beavers had a record of two-wins and four-losses and held the cellar position in the conference standings.

University of Washington 32 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, January 27, 1930.

With an unimpressive record in conference play to date, the Beavers came out like fighting tigers to defeat Washington in their first game of their two-game series at Corvallis. The score was 34-to-32. An unstoppable Buck Grayson led the Orange attack. Buck was playing his fast game as a forward and ran wild sinking one-handed shots from all angles. With a little over two minutes to play, Buck tipped in the tying baskets and with a minute-and-a-half left to go he scored the winning basket. The Beavers were leading at half time 18-to-16 and shortly after the second half started they ran the score up to 24-to-16 as Grayson led the way. Washington came surging back and

went ahead 29-to-27 only to have Ken Fagans score a field goal to deadlock the score at 29-to-29.

Grayson led all scorers with 14 points being followed by Washington's Mellery with 13 and Oregon State's Fagans with 10 points.

University of Washington 17 -- O.S.C. 19, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 28, 1930.

The Beavers defeated the Huskies in the second game of the series 19-to-17. This victory brought their conference record to four-wins and four-losses. Corvallis fans witnessed one of the tightest played basketball games seen at Oregon State College in many years. It was a great ball control game and with the score tied at 8-all, ten minutes elapsed before McClary of Washington broke the ice with a free throw. Tom Duffy, Orange substitute guard, retaliated with another free throw to tie the score again at 9-all only to have McClary, Washington center, break the ice again and give Washington their 10-to-9 half time lead. The second half was nip and tuck but the Beavers' great will to win pulled them through to victory.

Buck Grayson again stood out for the Beavers as he was excellent on both defense and offense and his inspirational play again led the Orangemen.

This victory put the Oregon State men in a three-way tie for second place in conference standings with Idaho and Washington at 500 percent.

University of Oregon 37 -- O.S.C. 29, Eugene, Oregon, February 1, 1930.

With a record crowd looking on, the Oregon Ducks came through with a 37-to-29 victory over Oregon State in their first meeting of the 1929-1930 basketball season. The game was as bitterly and as spectacularly fought contest as any Oregon - Oregon State game in the past. The Ducks led almost all the first half except for a few moments in the early part of the game. Score at half time was 23-to-13 in their favor. Three players left the game due to fouls; Jean Eberhart and Cliff Horner of Oregon and Buck Grayson of Oregon State.

Coach "Slats" Gill started preparing for the second Oregon game by planning a change in his offense which also called for a change in his personnel. Slats' revised line-up started the Oregon game Friday night February 7, 1930. It consisted of Howard Merrill and Jim Callahan, forwards; Richard "Mose" Lyman, center; and Buck Grayson and "Mush" Torson, guards.

University of Oregon 34 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, February 7, 1930.

After starting strong, the Oregon Webfoots could not maintain the pace and the Orangemen battled to a 13-to-13 tie at half time. Oregon came back under the inspirational play of Jean Eberhart and went on to win 34-to-27.

Ken Fagans and Buck Grayson led the Oregon State scorers with eight and five points respectively.

University of Oregon 28 -- O.S.C. 29, Eugene, Oregon, February 8, 1930.

Oregon State upset the dope bucket in the third meeting of the two state schools when Jim Callahan converted a free throw in the closing seconds to defeat Oregon 29-to-28. A brilliant spurt by the Beavers who overcame a nine point disadvantage gave them a much desired victory. The Beavers started their spirited spurt when Oregon was leading 21-to-16 and at one time ran the lead to nine points, only to have the Beavers keep coming and finally gaining the victory. This third game was the tamest contest of the series.

With the tough Oregon games over with, Oregon State made plans for two tough series away from home when they met Idaho at Moscow, and Washington State at Pullman in the famous Inland Empire trip.

University of Idaho 28 -- O.S.C. 37, Moscow, Idaho, February 14, 1930.

The Beavers in their first game against Idaho came out victorious by the score of 37-to-28. Right from start it was evident that the Beavers were out for a victory as Rod Ballard hit with two quick field goals and the score was run up to 8-to-1 before the Vandals could hit from the field. Score at half time favored the Orangemen 17-to-12. The second half was more or less a repetition of the first half as the Beavers dominated the play from the opening whistle. Rod Ballard and Buck Grayson led the Beavers' attack with 15 and 8 points respectively.

University of Idaho 41 -- O.S.C. 30, Moscow, Idaho, February 15, 1930.

Saturday night's game was a different story as the Vandals came out for revenge and turned back the Beavers 41-to-30 with five men getting all but one point. The first half was a nip and tuck affair with the score being tied three times until Idaho got an 18-to-15 lead at half time.

The second period found the Vandals pulling away from the Beavers with their ace forward, Stowell, leading the way. Stowell kept the Beavers on edge and the Vandals ahead with his great long shooting. This Idaho victory gave the Vandals a split with the Orangemen in their four-game series.

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 25, Pullman, Washington, February 17, 1930.

Through the brilliant shooting of Art McLarney, Washington State's basketball team defeated Oregon State College 28-to-25 on the night of February 17, 1930 at Pullman, Washington. McLarney scored 14 of his team's 28 points and definitely was the difference between the two teams.

Although outscored by 11 field goals to 8, Washington State's ability to convert their free throws was another great asset in their victory.

Washington State piled up a commanding lead at the start of the game and after 15 minutes of play led by 9-to-1. In the last five minutes of play, Oregon State came to life with Ballard and Grayson leading the way along with Young "Mose" Layman and their work

resulted in giving Oregon State a 12-to-11 lead at half time.

The second half was action-filled with W.S.C. running up a seven point lead before O.S.C. could register its first field goal or point. Ballard and Callahan, along with help from Fagans got Oregon State back into the ballgame by bringing the Beavers within one point of the Cougars in the closing minutes of the game 24-to-23. Washington State ran their total to 28 on four free throws and the best Oregon State could do was a field goal by Callahan a few seconds before the final gun sounded, which brought their total to 25. Rod Ballard was high-point man for the Orangemen with seven points.

Washington State College used only five men to gain this victory.

Washington State College 27. -- O.S.C. 29, Pullman, Washington,  
February 18, 1930.

The second game of the two-game series was a victory for Oregon State, 29-to-27, in a very close and hard fought game. The Orangemen gained a one-point advantage at half time as they led 15-to-14.

Washington State went out in front at the start of the second half but relinquished it right away as Buck Grayson hit two foul shots to tie the score and from then on the Beavers went on to keep the lead and finally gain the victory. This victory gave Washington State the four-game series, three-games-to-one.

The final game of the 1929-30 season found the Beavers matched against their arch rival, the University of Oregon.

University of Oregon 34 -- O.S.C. 33, Corvallis, Oregon, February 22, 1930.

A last minute rally by Oregon gave the Webfoot quintet a 34-to-33 victory over Oregon State. The Orangemen were in the lead throughout most of the game but the pace at the end was too fast for the Beavers. Eberhart and Rubenstein led the Webfoot onslaught.

Oregon State led at half time 19-to-13. Grayson and Ballard were the leading scorers for the Beavers with eight and seven points respectively.

The Webfoot victory gave them a three-to-one advantage in the four-game series.

With the basketball season over, the Orangemen packed away their equipment and some men planned to turn out for spring sports.

Rod Ballard led Orange scorers for the entire schedule of conference and non-conference games. He tallied 175 points with Buck Grayson close behind with 166. Jim Callahan finished with 110. Richard "Mose" Lyman had 96, and Ken Fagans came next with 72.

The Beavers ended their season with a 14-to-13 loss record in this 27-game schedule. In conference play they ended in fourth place with a record of seven wins and nine losses.

Coach Gill announced his all-star Northern Division quintet as follows:

F - Stowell	Idaho
F - Swanson	Washington
C - McClary	Washington
G - <u>Grayson</u>	O.S.C.
G - McLarney	W.S.C.

Buck Grayson, Oregon State College guard was picked on the second team All-Northern Division all-star team by the basketball coaches of all Northern-Division schools. Buck was also named to the third mythical All-Star American Intercollegiate team by the sports department of College Humor Magazine.

The following named players won varsity basketball awards for the 1929-1930 season: Mush Torson, Cotton Whitlock, Rod Ballard, Jim Callahan, Bob Drager, Tom Duffy, Ken Fagans, Buck Grayson, Richard "Mose" Lyman, and Howard Merrill.

## 1930-31 Basketball Season

### Preseason Prospects and Games.

Practice for the 1930-31 season opened with six lettermen, three reserves from the previous season, and three outstanding sophomores reporting. The lettermen were Mark A. "Buck" Grayson, Roderic B. Ballard, Robert Drager, Kenneth Fagans, Howard S. Merrill, and Richard W. "Young Mose" Lyman. The reserves were Gerald J. Thomas, James C. Heartwell, and Joseph Mack. The sophomores were Edward C. Lewis, Rodney G. Mason, and Kingman B. Bailey. Coach Gill ran his squad through a month's practice before the first game.

Multnomah Athletic Club 31 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 12, 1930.

The game was close all the way through and the Orangemen were never able to get better than a ten-point lead. Rod Ballard quickly put the Beavers ahead as he scored the first three field goals of the game; the Winged "M" team never took the lead. Oregon State's scoring was done by Grayson with eight points, Ballard seven, Fagans four, Lyman nine, Merrill four, and Thomas two.

Multnomah Athletic Club 28 -- O.S.C. 50, Portland, Oregon,  
December 13, 1930.

Again it was Rod Ballard who led the Beaver attack. The Multnomah Club pressed in the second quarter but went to pieces in the second half, and Oregon State coasted to their second victory. Ballard scored 18 points and was helped tremendously by the fine passing of Ed Lewis

and Buck Grayson.

"That's the greatest Beaver team I ever saw", said Coach Ray Brooks of the losers. "They have everything, including weight and height. If I am not mistaken they'll make the conference notice this season." (4, p.10)

Ten Beaver players were picked by Coach Gill for the eighth annual barnstorming trip to California: Buck Grayson, Rod Ballard, Bob Drager, Howard Merrill, Ken Fagans, Mose Lyman, Jerry Thomas, King Bailey, Ed Lewis, and John Janzik. Student manager, Charles Simpson, also made the trip.

Chico State College 29 -- O.S.C. 47, Chico, California, December 20, 1930.

In a game featuring many fouls, Chico State was able to keep abreast of the Orangemen in the early part, but trailed 17-to-25 at half time. Five men were ejected on personal fouls; Grayson, Fagans, Lyman, and two Chico State players. The outstanding player of the game was 6-foot 5-inch Ed Lewis who scored 14 points. Ballard scored eleven.

Young Man's Institute 35 -- O.S.C. 37, San Francisco, California, December 22, 1930.

A spectacular finish in which Rod Ballard scored two quick baskets on passes from Mose Lyman and Howard Merrill, gave the Beavers a victory at Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco. Ballard scored the first of his last two baskets when the clock showed one minute and a half to

play; his game-winning basket came with 35 seconds remaining. In all, he scored 18 points. Merrill scored six and Lewis and Grayson five each.

University of California 25 -- O.S.C. 26, Berkeley, California, December 23, 1930.

A charity game for the unemployed of Berkeley attracted 1,500 fans into the Oakland Auditorium. Neither the Bears nor the Beavers played up-to-form in a slow, uninteresting first half. The Beavers left the floor leading 11-to-10. Midway through the second half, California ran up an eight-point lead with Captain Goffield and Gorman leading the attack. Howard Merrill sparked a Beaver rally which closed the gap. Buck Grayson's field goal reduced the Bears' lead to two points at 23-to-21. Ed Lewis sank a free throw, but Goffield came back with a field goal. Merrill matched this with a field goal, and as the last minute began, the Beavers were still leading by one point. At this moment, Ed Lewis came through with another field goal with only seconds left to play. Merrill scored eight points, Grayson, Ballard, and Lyman four each, and Fagans and Lewis three each.

Olympic Club 24 -- O.S.C. 31, San Francisco, California, December 26, 1930.

Oregon State took the lead at the outset and held it throughout the first half. The Beavers led 11-to-9 as the first period ended. Buck Grayson was credited with a great defensive effort as he held Ray Mahoney, former captain and star forward of the University of

San Francisco, to one field goal. Ed Lewis dominated both backboards and scored 11 points; Fagans scored nine points.

G. Rossi Florists 31 -- O.S.C. 37, San Francisco, California,  
December 27, 1930.

The Beavers ran their string of victories to seven and encountered little difficulty in downing the Florists, Coach Gill using his second stringers for nearly the entire contest. Leading the Orange attack was Mose Lyman with 11 points, followed by Bob Drager with six points. Ed Lewis, the Beavers' great sophomore center, was confined to his hotel room, the victim of an attack of indigestion.

University of San Francisco 28 -- O.S.C. 18, San Francisco, California,  
December 29, 1930.

Oregon State lost, not only its star center, Ed Lewis, but also suffered its first defeat as the University of San Francisco defeated Gill's men 28-to-18. Rod Ballard was ailing, and although he played the whole second half, a lot of his accustomed dash was missing. The San Franciscans started fast, scoring 13 points before the Beavers could score a point. Then, after a determined Orange drive which netted eight points, U.S.F. came back with four more and led 17-to-8 at the half. Oregon State's eight points were scored by Mose Lyman and Ken Fagans as they scored two field goals apiece. In the second half the Orangemen made their only serious threat with about five minutes remaining as they trailed 24-to-11. Fagans and Rod Ballard led a Beaver attack which came within seven points; closest the Orange came

to making any kind of a threat.

Athens Club of Oakland 32 -- O.S.C. 31, Oakland, California, December 30, 1930.

This game was nip and tuck throughout and in the final minutes of play, Oregon State, holding a one-point lead, 31-to-30, lost the ball while stalling. Frank Wright, Athlens Club guard, scored on a basket from the foul circle. Ed Lewis was the leading Beaver scorer with eight points. With a record of five-wins and two-losses, the Beavers returned to Corvallis to finish their preseason schedule with games against Gonzaga University and Willamette University.

Gonzaga University 31 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1931.

When Bob Drager scored the opening field goal Oregon State took the lead and was never overtaken. The closest Gonzaga came to tying the score was when Norbert Schoenecker sank a long shot bringing the score to 10-to-9. The Beavers went on to lead at the half 20-to-14. The second half was uneventful as the Orangemen maintained their advantage. Leading the Beaver scoring attack was Ken Fagans with 16 points. Next to Fagans came Howard Merrill with nine points. Rod Ballard and Ed Lewis were still out of the lineup owing to illness.

Willamette University 24 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, January 3, 1931.

Oregon State completed its preseason schedule with a 35-to-24 victory over "Spec" Keene's Bearcats. Willamette jumped into a six-point lead at the start of the game and kept the Beavers at bay until

half way through the first period. Buck Grayson's field goal with the score at 10-all gave the Orange team its first advantage. The Beavers led 17-to-15 at half time and lengthened the lead during the second half. Ed Lewis and Rod Ballard returned to the active list and played part of the time. Lewis led all Oregon State scorers with ten points, followed by Ken Fagans with eight points. Ballard and Grayson contributed six points apiece.

The Orangemen completed their eleven-game preseason schedule with a nine-win and two-lost record. Leading scorers, in order, for the eleven games were, Ballard 75, Lewis 70, Merrill 58, Fagans 53, Grayson 47, and Lyman 43.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 23 -- O.S.C. 29, Pullman, Washington,  
January 9, 1931.

At Pullman, Washington, Oregon State started fast and built up an eight-point lead before Washington State got an offense organized. Leading the Orange in this quick spurt was Ken Fagans. Washington State came alive near the close of the half, and the Beavers' lead was cut to two points, 12-to-10, as the half ended. The second period was hard fought and close throughout. A field goal by Claud Holsten, Washington State forward, tied the score at 16-to-16 after five minutes of play. Art McLarney then scored to put the Cougars ahead 18-to-16, only to have Buck Grayson tie the score for the Beavers. Oregon State moved on with a lead that proved safe for the

remainder of the game. Leading the Beavers to their victory were Fagans with 11 points and Rod Ballard with six.

Washington State 30 -- O.S.C. 24, Pullman, Washington, January 10, 1931.

Using only five men, Washington State came back the second night and defeated Oregon State. The Cougars jumped into a six-point lead early in the first half. Oregon State put on a drive late in the half to close the gap and was trailing by only two points, 12-to-14 when the half ended. This half was very similar to the first half of the first game when Oregon State built up the early lead only to have the Cougars catch fire late in the half and trail by two points, 10-to-12, at the half. After three minutes of play in the second half, Ed Lewis connected for two free throws to tie the score 16-to-16. The Beavers then went ahead on Ken Fagans' long shot. The score was tied two more times before Washington State gained the lead and the eventual victory. Most of Oregon State's scoring was done by Fagans, Lewis, and Merrill, scoring 7, 6, and 5 points respectively.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 52, Moscow, Idaho, January 12, 1931.

An early attack gave the Beavers a big bulge that the Vandals could never overcome. The Beavers scored six quick points in the first minute and a half, but Idaho was able to make only two free throws in the first five minutes. Oregon State kept up a strong attack throughout the half and led by an overwhelming 36-to-11 score at the half. Four men led the Orange offense. Ken Fagans, Rod Ballard, Ed Lewis, and Buck Grayson scored 16, 10, 10, and 8 points respectively.

University of Idaho 34 -- O.S.C. 41, Moscow, Idaho, January 13, 1931.

The second game was followed much along the same lines as the first, with Oregon State gaining a big first half advantage and Idaho coming back in the second half to close the gap but never seriously threatening. State ran up a 24-to-9 lead at the half. Again it was Ballard, Fagans, Grayson and Lewis leading the attack as they scored 10, 9, 9, and 7 points respectively. Other scorers were Howard Merrill, with 7 points and Mose Lyman with four.

Gonzaga University 24 -- O.S.C. 47, Spokane, Washington, January 14, 1931.

On their way home the Orangemen stopped over in Spokane and defeated Gonzaga University. The Beavers had the contest well in hand all the way. They piled up a 26-to-10 lead at the half and were never seriously menaced in the second half. Ed Lewis and Mose Lyman led the Beaver attack with 10 and 8 points respectively.

Washington State College 20 -- O.S.C. 21, Corvallis, Oregon, January 19, 1931.

Oregon State renewed its series with Washington State in the opening conference games at Corvallis. Washington State had not been at full strength when the Beavers played in Pullman since both Art McLarney and Bob Vantuyl were out with injuries. With the two of them cleared for action, the Beavers looked for a very tough series. In a hectic, thrill-packed game, Oregon State defeated the Cougars to strengthen their second-place spot in the Northern Division race with a

four-won and one-lost record. The first half was a battle of missed shots as both teams had their troubles in scoring field goals. Washington State had a chance to open the scoring when Ed Lewis fouled Huntley Gordan, and Howard Merrill fouled Art McLarney, but both Cougars missed their shots while Jerry Thomas, substituting for Buck Grayson, put Oregon State ahead with a field goal. Oregon State maintained the lead until Phil Pesco, Cougar forward, scored a field goal from half the length of the floor just as the half-time gun sounded. In the second half the capacity house saw the lead change hands four times and the score tied the same number of times. With less than five minutes of the game left, the score was 20 to 18 in Washington State's favor. Ed Lewis came to the rescue and tied the score with a one-handed shot. The score remained tied until the clock showed two minutes remaining. At that time, Howard Merrill was fouled by Claud Holsten, Cougar forward. Merrill came through with the tie-breaking point to give the Beavers their victory. Leading scorers for Oregon State were Lewis with ten points, Thomas with four, and Rod Ballard with four. Buck Grayson did not participate in the contest owing to illness.

Washington State College 44 -- O.S.C. 30, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 20, 1931.

This victory by the Cougars also evened up the four-game series, each team winning two. The game started as though the Beavers were sure of another victory; after seven minutes of play the Beavers led 11-to-3. At this point Ed Lewis left the game with three personal fouls after doing a tremendous job of guarding the Cougar's big center,

Huntley Gordon. Immediately Washington State got under way and tied the score at 16-all and then went ahead 17-to-16 on Kenneth Wills' field goal. Shortly before the half-time gun sounded, Mose Lyman, Orange forward, tied the score at the 18-all count. The second half was a nightmare for the Beavers, Washington State taking over the game as big Huntley Gordon dominated the play. Midway through the second half the Cougars had a 13-point lead and stalled and coasted through the rest of the game. Oregon State scorers were Howard Merrill with nine points, Ken Fagans and Rod Ballard with six each, Mose Lyman with five, and Ed Lewis with two points.

In the conference standing Oregon State was tied with Washington State for second place with a record of four-wins and two-losses.

University of Washington 31 -- O.S.C. 23, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 26, 1931.

The injury-riddled Beavers put up a struggle in the first half but could not match the talented Huskies in the second half. All Oregon State's chances faded when Ed Lewis, already favoring a bad ankle, pulled a ligament in his knee at the start of the second period and had to retire in favor of Mose Lyman. That was a signal for the Huskies, and they jumped their 15-to-11 lead at half time to 31-to-17 soon after Lewis went out. Oregon State was never again in the ball game. Rod Ballard, Ken Fagans, and Mose Lyman managed to cut down the wide difference in the score but never could threaten seriously. It was Ballard who turned in the best performance for the Beavers as he scored ten points to lead his teammates in scoring.

University of Washington 33 -- O.S.C. 37, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 27, 1931.

With a revamped line-up the Beavers handed the Huskies their first conference defeat of the year. The new line-up consisted of Mose Lyman and Rod Ballard, forwards; Ken Fagans, center; and Buck Grayson and Howard Merrill, guards. Ed Lewis was missing from the line-up with a bad leg injury. Fagans, who replaced Lewis, not only out-jumped Hank Swanson, Husky center, but also scored 12 points to lead all scorers. A capacity crowd of 3700 fans saw Oregon State start the scoring when Ballard hit a field goal and Lyman came through with another to give them a 4-to-0 lead after six minutes of play. The Huskies gained their only lead of the game when they went ahead 8-to-7 midway through the first half. The lead was short-lived, for the Beavers went ahead and built up a 16-to-11 lead as the half ended. The Orangemen lost no time at the opening of the second half in finding the basket and gradually crept away from the fighting Huskies. At one time during the half the Orangemen held a 16-point lead. Ballard and Fagans were the big point getters for the Beavers, scoring 15 and 12 points respectively. The victory gave the Beavers sole possession of second place with a record of five-wins and three-losses.

University of Oregon 24 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon, January 31,  
1931.

Again the Beavers were without the services of Ed Lewis, but that didn't seem to matter because they had the edge throughout the contest. Oregon made its most determined bid shortly after the

second half started, coming within one point as the Ducks rallied behind Windsor Calkins, Vince Doyle and Jean Eberhart. Again it was Rod Ballard and Ken Fagans who led the Beavers to victory. Ballard came through with 17 points on eight field goals and one free throw. Fagans had six baskets and two free throws for a total of 14 points.

University of Washington 39 -- O.S.C. 30, Seattle, Washington,  
February 6, 1931.

Oregon State moved into Seattle, Washington, a series that would determine the Northern Division championship. Going into this important series, Washington was leading the league with a record of seven-wins and one-loss while Oregon State had six-wins and three-losses. The Beavers were handicapped again because Ed Lewis was still out of action with a pulled knee ligament and sprained ankle. It was a good game from start to finish with the Beavers leading four different times and Washington twice. On four other occasions the game was tied. Oregon State grabbed the lead after four minutes in the first half when Mose Lyman scored on a field goal from the corner. Four minutes went by before Washington tied on a shot by Hank Swanson. The Orangemen then ran up a quick 8-to-3 lead and held that advantage until the Huskies caught them at 12-all. The two teams battled on even terms until the half ended with both deadlocked at 14-all. Washington jumped ahead for the first time at the start of the second half on a field goal by Swanson. Oregon State came back and went ahead 19-to-18, but that was the last time. The Huskies went ahead on five free throws and a field goal to build up an advantage that the Beavers

could not overcome. Oregon State's scoring was led by Lyman with ten points and Fagans and Ballard with six each.

University of Washington 28 -- O.S.C. 26, Seattle, Washington,  
February 7, 1931.

A long field goal by Ned Nelson, substitute guard, gave the Huskies their last-minute victory. Ken Fagans opened the scoring in the first half when he scored a field goal for the Orangemen who then went into a four-to-one lead until Washington came back to take the lead at five-to-four. Buck Grayson tied it up for Oregon State with a free throw, but the Huskies forged ahead on a basket by Kline Swygard and then widened the margin to 16-to-11 at half time. The second half saw Oregon State come out with a vengeance and overcome the Washington five-point lead on baskets by Howard Merrill and Mose Lyman. The Beavers maintained the lead, despite frequent substitutions by Hec Edmundsen, Washington coach, until the last four minutes when Hank Swanson came through with a field goal that tied the score and Nelson fired the winning basket which came with three minutes remaining. Washington played keep-away the last two minutes. Ballard and Lyman scored six points apiece; Fagans and Merrill each had five points while Grayson had four. This Washington victory practically eliminated the Beavers from the title picture since it left them with five defeats while Washington had suffered only one loss.

After 11 games the leading Oregon State scorer was Rod Ballard with 94 points, and close behind was Ken Fagans with 91. Others were

Ed Lewis with 40, Mose Lyman with 40, Buck Grayson had 38, and Howard Merrill followed with 35. Ballard's 94 points gave him third place in the conference standing.

University of Idaho 24 -- O.S.C. 37, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1931.

Oregon State was still without the services of Ed Lewis when the Beavers entertained the University of Idaho for the final two games against out-of-state opponents. Rough play marked the contest with the result that officials Bobby Morris and Emil Piluso called 30 personal fouls, 16 against Idaho and 14 against Oregon State. The Orangemen started the scoring and ran up six points before the Vandals could score. When the game was ten minutes old, Idaho had tied the score at eight-all. Kingman Bailey put Oregon State ahead with a field goal, and the Beavers were never headed again. They held a 19-to-9 advantage at half time. Oregon State's substitutes, Bailey, Bob Drager and Gerry Thomas, along with regulars Howard Merrill and Buck Grayson kept things well under control throughout the second half to preserve the Beavers' lead and eventual victory. Leading the Beaver scoring was Lyman with 13 points and Merrill with 10.

University of Idaho 40 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, February 14, 1931.

Idaho fell far behind as they trailed 20-to-33 at the halfway mark, but they fell father behind, 23-to-51, shortly after the second half got under way. At this point Idaho made a great comeback behind

the inspired Pete Wicks and tied the score at 39-all in the second period. The Beavers reorganized, and Ballard, Lyman, Merrill, Fagans, and Grayson began to pull themselves together and went on to gain the victory. Merrill scored 13 points, Lyman 12, Fagans 10, and Ballard 8.

University of Oregon 39 -- O.S.C. 32, Eugene, Oregon, February 21, 1931.

Going into the final three games of the season, all against the University of Oregon, the Beavers were resting in second place, tied with Washington State College. Both colleges had an eight-won, five-lost record. The University of Oregon took advantage of O.S.C.'s fouling to chalk up a 39-to-32 victory and even up the "Civil War" series at one game each. Three Beavers, Lyman, Bailey, and Merrill were ushered off the floor on four personal fouls when O.S.C. was leading 32-to-25. With three starting Beaver players out of the game, the Webfoots mustered their forces and ran up 14 points while holding O.S.C. scoreless. This rally put Oregon ahead and also gave them a commanding lead and the eventual victory. Oregon State again played without the services of their ace center, Ed Lewis. A few days before the game, a plaster of Paris cast was removed from his leg; Coach Gill was hoping Lewis would be ready for the two final games against Oregon. Ballard scored 11 points and Lyman 8.

University of Oregon 29 -- O.S.C. 22, Corvallis, Oregon, February 27, 1931.

With this victory Oregon went ahead in the four-game series two-to-one. During the first ten minutes of the game it was a nip and tuck affair with neither team leading by more than one point. The second

ten minutes saw O.S.C. hold the Ducks scoreless until Jean Eberhard sank a field goal as the half-time gun sounded. The Beavers scored eight points during this fine rally and went into the half time leading 12-to-7. The Ducks came back strongly as the second half opened and ran up eight straight points while holding the Beavers scoreless for the first five minutes. With this spurt, Oregon took the lead and never relinquished it. With five minutes remaining, O.S.C. was trailing 19-to-21 but could never get closer as Oregon closed out their victory. Ed Lewis, Orange center, saw a few minutes of action for the first time in more than four weeks. Leading the Beavers in scoring were Fagans with eight points, and Ballard with five.

University of Oregon 27 -- O.S.C. 36, Eugene, Oregon, February 28, 1931.

Oregon State squared the series at two games each. The Orangemen went to work from the outset and scored eight points before Oregon could find the hoop. Two field goals by Ballard and one each by Fagans and Grayson got the Beavers off to their flying start. The nearest Oregon came to tying the score was at the end of the first half when it cut the Orange margin to four points, 17-to-13. A moment later Ed Lewis was fouled and converted to give Oregon State an 18-to-13 lead at half time. Oregon State came out fast at the start of the second half and scored seven points in the first two minutes before Oregon could find the basket. That gave the Beavers a lead Oregon could not come close to overtaking. Merrill led all scorers with ten points; Fagans contributed six, and Ballard nine.

The Beavers closed out the most successful season since 1926 as they finished third in the conference with a record of nine-wins and seven-losses. Their overall record for the year was 19 wins and 9 losses. Leading scorer against conference competition was Ballard with a total of 128 points. Following in order were Fagans 116, Lyman 84, Grayson 62, Lewis 42, Bailey 11, Thomas 5, and Drager 4. Varsity basketball awards were presented to Grayson, Bailey, Lewis, Ballard, Merrill, Drager, Fagans, Lyman, Thomas, and Janzik.

All-star recognition was given to Ken Fagans as a member of the All-Northern Division first team and the All-Pacific Coast second team. Rod Ballard gained a berth of the second team All-Northern Division while Ed Lewis, Howard Merrill, Buck Grayson and Mose Lyman received honorable mention for their Northern Division play.

## 1931-32 Basketball Season

### Preseason Prospects and Games.

Practice opened two weeks after fall term started, Coach Gill and his assistant, Mark "Buck" Grayson looked at their team prospects.

Lettermen from the previous year included Kenneth Fagans, Howard S. Merrill, Edward C. Lewis, Gerald J. Thomas, and possibly Kingman Bailey. New aspirants for the squad included Forrest L. "Skeet" O'Connell, Joseph H. Mack, Harold W. Brown, Donald S. Johnson, Scott S. Drysdale, Julius Carl Lenchitsky, Clarkson I. Buckley, James C. Heartwell, Rodney G. Mason, Harvey D. Pease, Everett H. Davis, William Fred MacDonald, Charles Gilbert Bergerson, Kenneth O. Hammer, Arthur W. "Snowy" Gustafson, and Charles J. Quirk.

At the time Coach Gill said, "The material available this year is of unknown quality. It contains a great deal of potential power and, perhaps, several combinations that will click against conference teams, but the best we can expect is four lettermen and several good-looking prospects" (5, p.10).

A preseason trip to California during Christmas vacation was to include four games in or near San Francisco, against the University of California, Olympic Club of San Francisco, University of San Francisco, and Stanford University. Before the California trip, however, games were scheduled against Willamette University in Salem, Multnomah Club in Portland, and the Florsheim team in Salem. As starters Gill planned to use Jerry Thomas and Ken Fagans at forward, Ed Lewis at center, and

Howard Merrill and Carl Lenchitsky at guard. An ankle badly sprained in practice kept "Skeet" O'Connell out of the preseason games.

Willamette University 32 -- O.S.C. 42, Salem, Oregon, December 19, 1931.

With Ed Lewis, Jerry Thomas, and Ken Fagans leading the way the Beavers had to stop a desperate Willamette rally in the second half before gaining their victory. Willamette's rally came within four points of tying the Beavers. Jerry Thomas led all the Beaver scorers with 12 points but was closely followed by Fagans and Lewis who had 10 and 8 points respectively.

Multnomah Athletic Club 23 -- O.S.C. 48, Portland, Oregon, December 21, 1931.

Against a powerful Multnomah quintet, the Beavers flashed a smooth-working offense which enabled them to defeat the Clubmen. For three periods the Club gave the Orangemen quite a bit of trouble until the Beavers found their range with one-handed shots. Leading the Beaver spurt in the second half was Fagans and substitute guard Everett Davis. Leading the Oregon State scoring were Fagans and Thomas with nine points each, closely followed by Davis with seven points.

Florsheim 32 -- O.S.C. 35, Salem, Oregon, December 23, 1931.

The tough Florsheim independent basketball team of Salem outplayed the Staters in the first half, but Coach Gill's men came back strong in the second half and regained the lead. Ken Fagans made 12 points and Jerry Thomas 8 points.

With three victories under their belts the Beavers began looking ahead to their Christmas trip to California. Eleven men were picked by Coach Gill to make the trip. The men who made up the traveling squad were; Fagans, Thomas, Heartwell, Mack, Brown, forwards; Merrill, Mason, Pease, and Davis, Guards; and Lewis, center.

University of California 27 -- O.S.C. 22, Berkeley, California, December 26, 1931.

The Orangemen opened their barnstorming series against the University of California on December 26, 1931, at Berkeley and suffered their first defeat of the season. The Bears played like a team in mid-season form. About 1500 people braved a heavy rain storm to watch the Bear and Beaver battle to a 14-to-14 first half and finally a victory for the Bears. In the low-scoring contest the Beaver scoring was evenly divided between four of the starting five: Fagans, Thomas, Lewis, and Lenchitsky. Fagans and Thomas had five and Lewis and Lenchitsky had six points.

Olympic Club 26 -- O.S.C. 28, San Francisco, California, December 29, 1931.

In the Beaver's second outing of their tour they had to fight from behind to eke out a victory over the San Francisco Olympic Club at Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco. Ed Lewis, lanky Oregon State center, sank two long shots in the closing minutes to break a 22-to-22 tie and bring the Beavers victory. Lewis, controlling the center position, was the main factor in Oregon State's victory. Kenny Fagans

directed the Beaver attack and collected two field goals and five free throws for a total of nine points. Ed Lewis with four field goals and one free throw shared high-point honors with Fagans.

University of San Francisco 40 -- O.S.C. 28, San Francisco, California, December 29, 1931.

Besides being defeated by the San Francisco Dons, the Beavers lost the services of their ace center Ed Lewis because of a broken hand during the contest. Brilliant shooting by Jack Gaddy and Lefty Batmaele, San Francisco forwards, was too much for the Beavers. The Dons took a three-point lead just before the first half ended and were never in trouble from that time on. They went on to win 40-to-28. Fagans again led the Statemen in scoring with 11 points and Ed Lewis was again commended on his fine play.

Stanford University 45 -- O.S.C. 32, Palo Alto, California, December 30, 1931.

Oregon State ran into an oft-defeated Stanford five which came to life and defeated the Beavers before 1,000 spectators. The Indians went into the second half with a 22-to-16 lead and with Lacombe and Packard leading the way, they rallied on to their victory. Lacombe and Packard scored 21 and 15 points respectively. Fagans led Beaver scorers along with Merrill and Thomas. Jimmie Heartwell replaced Ed Lewis at center. They finished their preseason schedule with a four-win and three-loss record. The Beavers returned to Corvallis after the Stanford University game and started to prepare for their conference

opener with the University of Washington in Seattle.

### Conference Games.

University of Washington 24 -- O.S.C. 26, Seattle, Washington,  
January 8, 1932.

With the possibility that center Ed Lewis might be able to play in the Washington series, despite his broken hand, raised the hopes of the Beavers a great deal. The traveling squad consisted of Thomas, Mack, Fagans, Merrill, Davis, Lewis, O'Connell, Pease, Mason, Lenchitsky, and Frederick, student manager. The Huskies, the previous season's Pacific Coast Conference champions, well fortified with veterans, were heavily favored to defeat the Beavers from Corvallis.

The first game of the series was played January 8, 1932 and it resulted in a great upset victory for O.S.C. as they defeated the Huskies by two points. At the time, this victory could be recorded as one of the great O.S.C. victories and was regarded as one of the most thrilling basketball games played on the University of Washington court. The Huskies ran up a 14-to-7 lead to start the game, but the Beavers came back with Fagans and Davis leading the way to trail only 14-to-16 at half time. At the start of the second half with Thomas and Davis leading the way, O.S.C. forged ahead 22-to-17 only to have Nelson, Washington guard, hit two quick baskets and bring Washington back to within one point at 22-to-21. Hal Lee, substitute forward, put the Huskies ahead 23-to-22, with two minutes left to play. With Washington ahead by one point and only minutes to play, the Beavers

came back with the most sensational play and shot of the hectic contest. Lewis, playing with two fingers in a cast, made one of the most spectacular shots ever made on the Washington court. Standing almost in mid-floor and with the Beavers one point behind, the Beaver center let fly with a howitzer that went through the hoop without touching the edge and the Orangemen had a one-point lead. In all the excitement the Beavers called a time-out and it was a costly one as the Orangemen had already used up their required three time outs. This resulted in a technical foul and a foul shot for the Huskies was converted and resulted in a tie score, 24-to-24, with only seconds to go. During the overtime period neither team could score a field goal until Merrill, with four minutes and twelve seconds gone in the period, came through with a field goal on a pass from Lewis which resulted in the Beaver victory. The leading scorers for the Staters were Fagans, and Thomas with nine and eight points respectively, but the clinch baskets were made by Lewis and Merrill.

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 27, Seattle, Washington,  
January 9, 1932.

In the second game in Seattle the Beavers came out strong again but could not maintain the strong pace of the University of Washington, and were defeated. It was a sweet victory for Washington after the stunning upset they suffered the night before. The Orangemen were led by Ed Lewis with nine points with Jerry Thomas close behind with eight points. The tough Washington series took its toll on the Beavers as Carl Lenchitsky dislocated his shoulder in the first five minutes of

play in the first game. The seriousness of the injury was not known, but Gill was hopeful that Carl could play in the coming series with Idaho. Jerry Thomas was admitted to the infirmary with a severe attack of the flu and it looked doubtful if Thomas would be able to make the series. Along with these two serious cases, Fagans, Merrill, Davis, and O'Connell were suffering with colds.

University of Idaho 31 -- O.S.C. 33, Corvallis, Oregon, January 15, 1932.

Despite the Orangemen's playing without their regular forward, Jerry Thomas, they defeated the Idaho Vandals in a nip-and-tuck contest. The Beavers took the lead at the outset on two foul shot baskets by Ed Lewis and were never headed. At half time the score favored Oregon State 22-to-18. The Idaho Vandals made a spirited comeback in the second half which forced the Beavers to stall for three minutes at the end of the ball game when they were ahead by two points. Fagans, Merrill, and Lewis were the leading players for O.S.C. Fagans led all scorers with 12 points and Lewis finished with 10.

University of Idaho 28 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, January 16, 1932.

Oregon State's second encounter against Idaho found the Beavers fighting an uphill battle before defeating the Vandals. Idaho led at half time 16-to-13. The first half was all Idaho and at one time they led 13-to-7 mainly through the efforts of sophomore Horton Harman. In the second half with Lewis and Fagans again leading the way the Beavers came on to defeat Idaho. Lewis, the star of the first game, tied Fagans for high point honors with 12 points.

University of Washington 14 -- O.S.C. 30, Corvallis, Oregon, January 22, 1932.

In preparing for the important home series with the Huskies on January 22 and 23, 1932, the Beavers' hopes were brightened a bit as Jerry Thomas reported for practice for the first time since the opening series against Washington. Keith Davis and Skeet O'Connell showed up well during the week's practice and Gill predicted that both would be breaking into the line-up soon in the coming games. Going into this series, Fagans was the leading scorer with a total of 39 points in four games followed by Lewis with 33. Counting the first two games of the season Oregon State had turned in 26 victories to 24 for Washington since the two teams first met in conference competition in 1916. On the eve of the important series Gill made the statement; "I will be tickled if we can split the series" (6, p.28). Taking the lead in the first minute of play and never being headed, O.S.C. overpowered the Huskies. An impregnable Beaver defense forced the Huskies to shoot from beyond the foul line. Everett Davis played a terrific backboard game and was credited with recovering 90 percent of the rebounds off the defensive backboard. With Merrill and Fagans leading the way in the first half, the Beavers were able to run up a 17-to-8 advantage at half time. After the intermission the Orangemen came back with more determination and ran up five points before Washington could score. Howard Merrill led all scorers with ten points. Everett Davis and Carl Lenchitsky turned in great defensive and great backboard work. Jerry Thomas made a short appearance during the first half and it was his first since the

Washington series in Seattle. With this fine victory O.S.C. moved into undisputed possession of first place with four-wins and one defeat closely followed by Washington State who had a three-win and one-loss record.

University of Washington 32 -- 27, Corvallis, Oregon, January 23, 1932.

The Washington Huskies would not be denied as they came back roaring in the second night and defeated the Beavers in an overtime contest. In the first half the score changed hands five times and was knotted twice before the Beavers could obtain their half time advantage 17-to-13. Everett Davis kept the Beavers in the ball game during the first half with his fine offensive and defensive play. The second half was a replica of the first as the lead again changed hands four times and the count was tied twice. Four minutes of the second half had gone by before either team scored. Everett Davis broke the ice with a field goal shortly followed by a foul conversion by Lenchitsky. With four minutes remaining in the ball game the Beavers led 26-to-24 and went into their stalling offense. With just eight seconds left to go, Washington's John Fuller intercepted a Beaver pass and turned it into the tie-making basket and an overtime basketball game for the Beaver fans. In the overtime period the Huskies dominated things as Lee, Fuller, and Handover hit baskets for Washington and the best the Beavers could do was a free throw and Washington ended up as the victors.

Oregon State's basketball team and student body was commended on its fine sportsmanship during the Washington series by Washington Coach, Hec Edmundson. Edmundson's comments, "In all my days as an athletic coach, I have never had a team on a road trip where such a show of sportsmanship was displayed by rival players, by students, and by the opposing managerial and coaching staff as was shown us on our recent visit to Corvallis" (7, p.32).

University of Oregon 21 -- O.S.C. 20, Eugene, Oregon, January 30, 1932.

With the exception of Ed Lewis, O.S.C. basketball players were at their physical best for the opening game of the four-game series. Thomas was fully recovered from his flu attack and was ready for action. Gill started Ken Fagans and Jerry Thomas at forward, Ed Lewis at center, and Howard Merrill and Everett Davis at guard. In a close and hard-fought game, the Oregon Ducks rocked the Northern Division with a stunning 21-to-20 defeat of O.S.C. From the start of the game when Jack Robertson and Cap Roberts hit field goals, the Ducks were never headed and went on to lead at half time 12-to-8. The Beavers' first score in the half came on a free throw by Merrill and it was Davis who got Oregon State's first field goal. With only seconds to go before half time, Lenchitsky came through with a field goal to bring Oregon State's score to eight for the half.

The second half started slowly as the only points scored were on free throws and it was not until Lenchitsky hit for a field goal that a point had been scored from the field. With ten minutes remaining, the score had worked its way to 15-to-11 in favor of Oregon. Oregon's Cap

Roberts and Jack Robertson were doing the damage to the Beavers during this second half. When the game reached the four-minute mark, the Beavers were trailing by six points, 19-to-13. On quick baskets by Lenchitsky and Merrill the Beavers drew within striking distance. Oregon went into a stall and the Beavers battled frantically to gain possession, with just seconds to play Merrill scored a field goal to bring the score to 21-to-20 as the gun sounded. For the Beavers only Carl Lenchitsky could do any consistent scoring and he took high scoring honors for the game with nine points.

The tough and rugged game against Oregon took its toll on Ed Lewis. The star beaver center received a shoulder injury. The injury, at first thought minor, forced Big Ed to spend a few days in the hospital. There was still hope, though, that Ed would be able to accompany the team on its Inland Empire trip. Lewis was already handicapped by having to play with a cast on his right hand.

Gilbert Bergerson, giant football guard, was being tutored by Gill to replace Lewis at the center position for the Beavers as they prepared themselves for the tough Washington State team. Bergerson stood 6'6" and weighed 238 lbs. Gill planned to take the following men on the tough Inland Empire trip; Gilbert Bergerson, Jerry Thomas, Ken Fagans, Howard Merrill, Carl Lenchitsky, Everett Davis, Ed Lewis, Keith Davis, Skeet O'Connell, and Jimmy Heartwell.

Washington State College 31 -- O.S.C. 22, Pullman, Washington,  
February 5, 1932.

The Beavers first encounter on the Inland Empire jaunt was

against Washington State. By the victory the Cougars tightened their hold on first place at the expense of the Beavers. The game was nip-and-tuck until the last ten minutes when Washington State pulled ahead and into victory. Each team scored ten field goals but the Beavers' heavy fouling gave Washinton State the victory. The first half ended with the Cougars ahead 15-to-12. Two quick baskets, one by Scott and the other by McLarney put the Cougars ahead. As the second half started the Beavers threatened to grab the lead, but were only able to tie at 20-to-20. From this point on the Beavers could only score two points as the Cougars rolled on behind the shooting of Claud Holsten and Bobby Cross. During the closing minutes of the game the Orangemen received a severe blow when Everett Davis, Orange guard, was carried from the court with a fractured ankle. The doctors predicted that Davis would be lost to the Beavers for the remainder of the year. Despite his shoulder injury, Lewis was able to replace Bergerson after the first ten minutes and played until a minute of the end when he was ejected on personal fouls. Fagans and Merrill each scored seven points.

Washington State College 33 -- O.S.C. 32, Pullman, Washington,  
February 6, 1932.

The first half was a hard fought affair, with the lead changing or score being tied six times. With only a couple of minutes left in the first half the count was knotted at 9-to-9. Up to this time Lewis and Merrill had led the Beavers. The first half finally ended with Washington State ahead 12-to-11. As the second half got under way

Gilbert Bergerson hit a field goal only to have Art McLarney, Cougar guard, come back with two field goals and put W.S.C. ahead again. From there on the Cougars opened with a dazzling scoring spree that widened the gap and finally scored a second Washington State victory. Fagans and Merrill scored seven and six points respectively to lead the Beaver scoring. Lewis again played but was greatly handicapped by his shoulder injury.

University of Idaho 23 -- O.S.C. 24, Moscow, Idaho, February 8, 1932.

The first game at Moscow, Idaho was bitterly fought and ended in a near-riot when the Vandal fans stormed the court to dispute an official's call. Umpire Mitchell did not allow a scored Idaho foul shot to count as he maintained that Greiner, Idaho center, had held the ball too long. During the first half of play, Idaho, led by Herman, Barrett, and Greiner, dominated the play and led at half time by nine points, 18-to-9. The Beavers played without the services of Lewis for the first half. With Lewis, in the game for the second half, O.S.C. battled up-hill odds finally to take the lead with three minutes to go 22-to-21. Thomas hit a field goal to end Oregon State's scoring and the final 24-to-23 victory. Lewis and Thomas were the big thorns in Idaho's defeat as they scored six and eight points respectively with Lewis's all coming in the second half. Merrill was close behind with four points.

University of Idaho 26 -- O.S.C. 31, Moscow, Idaho, February 9, 1932.

With their second victory over Idaho, the Beavers moved to

within half a game of second place. The Beavers not wanting to be caught in another close tilt, went to work and at the end of the first half were leading 21-to-12. During the second half the Vandals threatened once as they came up to within two points of the Beavers only to have Jerry Thomas and Jimmy Heartwell hit four quick buckets to put the Beavers five points ahead. From that point on, the Orangemen drew steadily ahead. The Beaver scoring was evenly divided between Ken Fagans with eight, Ed Lewis six, Howard Merrill four, Carl Lenchitsky four, and Skeet O'Connell five. With less than three minutes to go in the ball game, the lights in the gymnasium went out and the players got a half-hour rest before the lights came on.

Gonzaga University 27 -- O.S.C. 24, Spokane, Washington, February 10, 1932. (Non-conference)

In a Kings X'er game, the Beavers lost to Gonzaga University at Spokane, Washington. An inspired Gonzaga team rose to great heights in defeating Oregon State 27-to-24. The lead changed hands five times in the first half, which ended 15-to-12 for Gonzaga. O.S.C. came out battling hard in the second half but could not match Gonzaga's confident and inspired play.

The Orangemen came back from their trip to Washington and Idaho during which time they had many experiences including a minor riot, being snowbound, missing train connections, having the lights go out, and seeing four of their teammates sustain injuries. Coach Gill made the statement that he was prepared for anything from now on to the close of the season (8, p.45).

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 15, 1932.

Upon Oregon State's return from the Inland Empire they started preparing for their second series with Washington State College. With Washington State leading the league with an eight-win and three-loss record, the Beavers were in for a tough series. Oregon State went into the series without the services of their top scorer, Fagans, who was in the hospital with an attack of the flu. The Beavers opened the scoring when Lewis connected with a field goal in the opening minute of play. With six minutes of the first half to go, the score was tied at seven-all. Thus Jerry Thomas, Merrill, and Lewis broke through for field goals, giving the Orangemen a 13-to-7 advantage at half time. At the start of the second half W.S.C. came out with fire in their eyes and ran up nine points in six minutes while the Beavers were going scoreless. The first Beaver point of the second half came when Lewis connected with a free throw to make the score 16-to-14 in Washington State's favor. From then until the final two minutes of play it was anybody's ball game as W.S.C. fought desperately to hold their slight advantage and the Orangemen battled to regain their once-held lead. With less than a minute to go and the score standing 25-to-24 in W.S.C.'s favor, Bill Holsten, Cougar forward, connected for the clincher basket which brought the score to 27 for W.S.C. and 24 for O.S.C. W.S.C. added another point when they converted a last-second foul shot. Oregon State's scoring was scattered between Thomas, Lewis, O'Connell, and Merrill.

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 16, 1932.

In another great exhibition of basketball the Beavers ran into a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of W.S.C. The Beavers again led the Cougars at half time but could not hold off the battling Washington State five during the second half. At one time during the first half the Beavers held a five-point advantage but could only manage a one-point lead at the end of the half.

During the second half the game was a see-saw affair all the way through with the peak of excitement coming in the last two minutes of play. With the score tied at 24-all Red McDonald, Beaver forward, who had done a great job in checking Huntley Gordon, Cougar center, to no field goals in the first half, an opportunity to put the Beavers ahead when he missed a lay-up right under the basket. Fagans who had been released from the hospital during the afternoon, was inserted into the game midway through the second half and came through with a field goal with one minute and some seconds to go to put the Beavers ahead 24-to-25. At this point it looked as if O.S.C. was to have an upset victory. On the next tip off, Art McLarney, Cougar guard, picked the ball up out of a scramble and arched a shot from mid-court that tied the score again at 26-all with less than a minute to go. W.S.C. took possession again on the tip off and the eagerness on the part of Lewis to gain possession caused him to foul Holsten. The shot by Holsten was missed but recovered off the Board by Gross, W.S.C. forward, who passed to Holsten who in turn scored the winning basket as the gun sounded.

Both teams played great basketball, one of the most thrilling games seen in Corvallis. The lead changed seven times and the score was tied twice. Merrill was the games' high point man with ten points. Lewis scored seven points.

University of Oregon 28 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon, February 20, 1932.

In preparing for the second Oregon game the Beavers were very much hampered by influenza. Players inflicted were Jerry Thomas, Ken Fagans, Carl Lenchitsky, and Jimmy Heartwell, but no case was too serious. In another thrilling and spectacular contest, the first half was nip and tuck, with never more than two points separating the two teams. The score was tied four times and the lead changed hands six times. The first half score favored Oregon 16-to-14. The Beavers came out fighting mad for the second half and ran off a total of 11 points before Oregon could get a point. With 13 minutes still remaining, the Beavers had run up a nine-point lead, the score being 25-to-16. At this point Oregon started a rally that brought them up to within one point of the Beavers at 25-to-24 with two minutes to go. Then Big Red Roberts, Oregon center, took over and his work turned the tide for the Oregon victory. In the remaining two minutes he scored four points on one field goal and two free throws. The game, as usual, was a typical hard-fought and rough-played game. Two Oregon men and one Beaver man were ejected from the game on four personal fouls. This victory was the second for Oregon in the four-game series. Oregon moved into third place in the conference standings, with O.S.C. fourth.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 37, Eugene, Oregon, February 26, 1932.

With the exception of Everett Davis, Oregon State's team was at top strength at Eugene for the third game of the four-game series. Davis was still hampered by his badly sprained ankle. In the first half the Orangemen subdued Oregon's scoring attack to a nearly nothing. After trailing four-to-three, in the opening five minutes they organized themselves and went on to pile up an 18-to-11 lead at half time. Oregon made its lone bid for victory in the middle of the second half when they tied the score at 22-to-22 and then at 24-to-24. This score stood with 10 minutes remaining to play. Windy Calleins put the Ducks ahead 26-to-24 only to have Red MacDonald, substitute guard for Merrill, put the Beavers back in the ball game and eventually a well-earned victory. The victory gave the Beavers a tie for third place in league standings. Jerry Thomas with 10 points, Lewis with 9 and Ken Fagans with 9 points led the Beaver scoring.

University of Oregon 20 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, February 27, 1932.

In the final game of the 1931-32 schedule the Beavers enjoyed an important victory as it gave them a split with Oregon in the four-game series and also gave them sole possession of third place in Northern Division standings. This final game of the year for both schools was a bitter struggle with three players being ejected from the contest on personal fouls, two from Oregon and one from Oregon State. Baskets were scarce during the first half as the game went

on four minutes before Lewis hit for O.S.C.'s first points and it was not until 10 minutes that Oregon got their first score. O.S.C. went on to lead at half time 9-to-7.

The start of the second half saw the Beavers raise their advantage to 13-to-10, but at this juncture a free throw and a long field goal by Oregon tied the score at 13-all. That was the closest the Ducks came to victory. A pair of successful foul shots by Fagans started O.S.C. on its way soon afterwards, and Lewis added another free throw to make the lead more secure and brought eventual victory. Lewis scored seven points, Thomas six.

Oregon State finished the 1931-32 basketball season with an overall 12-win and 12-loss record. In the preseason schedule they came out with four-wins against three-losses, whereas in conference play they broke even with eight-wins and eight-losses. During the conference season they had a Kings X'er with Gonzaga University in Spokane and resulted in one of the Beaver losses.

Ken Fagans led the Beavers both in non-conference and conference total scoring. In non-conference he had 68 and in conference 98 for a total of 166 points. Ed Lewis and Jerry Thomas ran second with a total of 123 points each. Next in line came Howard Merrill with a grand total of 111 points. The rest of the scoring was spread out between Everett Davis, Carl Lenchitsky, Skeet O'Connell and Red MacDonald.

The award winners were Everett Davis, Ken Fagans, Carl Lenchitsky, Ed Lewis, Fred "Red" MacDonald, Howard Merrill, Forrest

"Skeet" O'Connell and Jerry Thomas. Amby Frederick was student manager.

Ed Lewis, star Beaver center, was elected captain for 1932-33 season by the lettermen of this year's squad. This was the first time in several seasons that the Orangemen elected a captain.

Ralph Coleman, veteran conference official, picked Ed Lewis and Ken Fagans on his all-Northern Division basketball team. Bobby Morris, another leading official in the northwest included Lewis on his all-star team. Ken Fagans also received honorable mention on the All-American team picked by the National Board of Basketball Coaches.

## 1932-33 Basketball Season

### Preseason Prospects and Games.

The Orange varsity prepared for the 1932-33 season with the hopes of being able to build a pennant contender around their veteran and two-year lettermen, Edward C. Lewis, Forrest "Skeet" O'Connell, lettermen forward, and Everett H. Davis, Carl Lenchitsky and William F. "Red" MacDonald, lettermen guards. Other aspirants were Fred Hill and Harold Drew, centers; Robert Lucas, Clifford D. Parks, Arthur W. "Snowy" Gustafson, and George Edward Adams, guards; Clarence E. James, George H. Hibbard, and Merle F. Taylor, forwards.

Coach "Slats" Gill favored the Washington State Cougars for the 1932-33 Northern Division title as they had five returning veterans, one of them being Huntley Gordon, their great center.

Although Slats was pleased with his team's chances he declined giving a preseason statement on his squad's position in the conference race. He did remark that he believed the Orange season's success rested upon the shoulders of rangy Ed Lewis. During Lewis' first two years of play he was constantly hindered by injuries and if he could shake the hospital jinx, railbirds were boosting the Orangemen for a better than fair chance to take the Northern Division crown.

Oregon Normal School 24 -- O.S.C. 36, Independence, Oregon,  
December 10, 1932.

In the first game of the season for both teams, after the Beavers ran up a five-point lead at the opening of the contest, the

Wolves came right back and tied the score. From that point on the score ran close, and the Beavers led at half time by only 13-to-12. Early in the second half the Beavers, led by Ed Lewis and Red MacDonald, ran up a quick lead and went on to their first victory of the new season.

Willamette University 23 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, December 16, 1932.

The Bearcats opened the scoring but their lead didn't last long as Ed Lewis scored three quick field goals to put the Beavers ahead and from then on they went on to lead 18-to-11 at half time. With the insertion of George Hibbard into the line up at the start of the second half, The Beavers uncovered a new scoring spark as he went on to score 11 points and lead the Beavers to their victory. Ed Lewis closely followed Hibbard in the scoring with nine points.

Multnomah Athletic Club 29 -- O.S.C. 48, Portland, Oregon, December 21, 1932.

Gill picked the following men to represent Oregon State in three games in Portland; Captain Ed Lewis and Fred Hill, centers; Skeet O'Connell, Clarence James, George Hibbard, and Merle Taylor, forwards; Red MacDonald, Carl Lenchitsky, Everett Davis, Bob Lucas, Clifford Parks, and Snowy Gustafson, guards. With Lewis leading the way, the Beavers defeated Multnomah Athletic Club for their third straight victory. Lewis led all scorers with 14 points besides controlling the tip-off and generally leading his team to a somewhat

easy victory. Following closely behind Lewis was Red MacDonald with a total of nine points.

Union Oil 29 -- O.S.C. 36, Portland, Oregon, December 22, 1932.

The Oilers put up a sturdy defense against the Orangemen and it was not until the closing minutes of the game that Oregon State was able to gain a comfortable lead. Lewis was fairly well held in check throughout the game but O'Connell came through with 12 points to lead the Beaver scorers.

Union Oil 18 -- O.S.C. 36, Portland, Oregon, December 23, 1932.

With Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard and Captain Ed Lewis leading the way, the Orangemen defeated the Union Oil quintet a second time. Thirteen minutes of play went by before the Oilers could register their first field goal. At half time the Beavers were leading 22-to-18. Coach Gill gave his reserves a good work out during the second half as they maintained the pace set by the first stringers. Skeet O'Connell scored with 11 points, George Hibbard nine points, and Ed Lewis seven points.

Union Oil 29 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1932.

The third and final game against the Union Oil quintet was played in Corvallis and resulted in another Beaver victory. Controlling the tip-off and again generally leading the Beavers to victory was Ed Lewis. Lewis scored 15 points, Skeet O'Connell 13. The Beavers actually found little trouble in gaining their sixth straight victory.

DeMeffe's Independent 20 -- O.S.C. 61, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1933.

In their last preseason game, the Orangemen met and easily defeated DeMeffe's Independent team from Eugene. Again it was Captain Ed Lewis with 16 points and a sterling all-around game, who led the Beavers to their seventh victory. Lewis was ably assisted by Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Everett Davis, Carl Lenchitsky, and Clarence James who all figured heavily in the scoring.

#### Conference Games.

With a highly successful preseason record behind them, the Beavers prepared for the conference opener against W.S.C. at Pullman, Washington. The Orangemen figured to have their hands full in their opening two games as they were meeting a team that was barely nosed out of last year's championship and were already being picked as champions.

Coach Gill picked a ten-man traveling squad to invade the Inland Empire for the four games against W.S.C. and Idaho. The ten players making the trip were; Captain Ed Lewis, Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Carl Lenchitsky, Everett Davis, Fred Hill, Clarence James, Merle Taylor, Fred MacDonald, and Bob Lucas.

Washington State 22 -- O.S.C. 25, Pullman, Washington, January 6, 1933.

The 1933 edition of the Orangemen sparked in the last few minutes of play to nose out W.S.C. in their conference opener. The

Beavers were led by Captain Ed Lewis who started the Orangemen off with three quick baskets and eventually brought about a 12-to-11 lead at half time. It was all Lewis and O'Connell for the Beavers during the first half. As the second half got under way, the Cougars forged in front to lead 19-to-14 at one time. The Beavers regained the lead and eventually the victory as they scored nine points while holding the Cougars scoreless. This great scoring spurt was led by O'Connell, Everett Davis, Red MacDonald, and Ed Lewis as all contributed in the scoring. The game was well played and fast for an opening conference contest. After starting cautiously, both teams opened up and the game ended in a whirl of speed and fast passing. Captain Ed Lewis scored 12 points which made him the leading scorer, Everett Davis scored six and Skeet O'Connell four points.

Washington State College 27 -- O.S.C. 20, Pullman, Washington,  
January 7, 1933.

The second game of the W.S.C - O.S.C. series found the Cougars displaying a dazzling brand of basketball to defeat the Beavers. The Cougars' fancy passing and fine shooting gave them the victory. After the lead had changed hands several times in the first half, Washington State broke in front on two successive baskets to lead the Beavers 14-to-20 at half time. The first half was highlighted by the great duel between two great centers; Ed Lewis of O.S.C. and Huntley Gordon of W.S.C. Both scored six points in the first half to lead their respective teams.

In the second half, the Cougars pulled away with a steady,

sharp-shooting attack. Red MacDonald, sub O.S.C. guard, led the way for the visitors in the second half. Time and again Red recovered the ball and gathered three field goals as well. Washington State relied upon fast passing and speedy floor work to break through the powerful O.S.C. zone defense. The Beavers were led in the scoring by Ed Lewis with six points in the first half and two in the second and by Red MacDonald who scored all his six points in the second half.

University of Idaho 31 -- O.S.C. 32, Moscow, Idaho, January 9, 1933.

The Beavers were again led by Captain Ed Lewis and Skeet O'Connell. The Staters started the scoring when O'Connell dribbled the length of the court with an intercepted pass for the first score. Lewis then took over the scoring and scored eight straight points. The half time score read 15-to-7 in favor of O.S.C. The Vandals started the second half with a quick spurt when Barratt, Idaho guard, scored three quick field goals which put Idaho back in the ball game. Idaho finally tied the score at 18-all from which point the score changed hands a number of times as the regulation game ended at 27-all. In the extra period, the score see-sawed back and forth until the Beavers finally eked out their 32-to-31 victory. During the overtime the Beavers scoring was taken care of by Ed Lewis and Red MacDonald. It actually was Lewis who scored the winning basket when he missed a free throw and followed his shot and converted it into a field goal. Lewis was the leading scorer of the game with 16 points, Skeet O'Connell had 10 points.

University of Idaho 25 -- O.S.C. 29, Moscow, Idaho, January 10, 1933.

Except for the final outcome, the game was an exact reversal of the first game. Idaho had the advantage all through the first half and ended up with a 16-to-8 lead at half time. The Beavers came back strong during the second half and within three minutes they had tied the score at 16-all. Ed Lewis and Carl Lenchitsky led the attack. Lewis not only led the Beavers in the quick assault to tie the score, but he also scored the basket that broke the tie and the Beavers were never headed after that. O'Connell salted the victory away with two quick baskets in the closing minutes of play. Lewis scored ten points, Lenchitsky nine, and O'Connell six.

Washington State College 14 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, January 16, 1933.

The next series against the strong Cougars at Corvallis loomed as one of the most important series of the season as both teams were mentioned as title contenders. Besides it being an important series for O.S.C., fans were looking forward to a great duel, that was sure to present itself between W.S.C.'s great center Huntley Gordon and O.S.C.'s Captain Ed Lewis. The first half of the first game featured close guarding by both sides with the score at half time 13-to-8 in favor of the Orangemen. Four minutes of the first half had elapsed before any scoring was done. The Cougars started the scoring and it was also the only time W.S.C. was in the lead throughout the contest. Ed Lewis tied the count a few seconds later and then Skeet O'Connell

put them ahead and they stayed ahead for the rest of the game.

In the second half the Orangemen showed a strong offense along with a tight defense which kept the Cougars well in hand. The Beavers held the desperately fighting Cougars to two field goals while scoring six field goals themselves. Lewis and O'Connell led the Orangemen with 8 and 7 points respectively. Hibbard was commended by all for his outstanding defensive play.

Washington State College 34 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 17, 1933.

Throwing caution to the winds the Cougars came back the second night and defeated the Beavers in an overtime contest which was filled with the thrills of great basketball. Washington State gained an early lead and led throughout the first half with the score at half time 16-to-11. O.S.C. kept battling and with five minutes remaining in the game had come up and overtaken the Cougars. The score was 22-to-21 in favor of O.S.C., when both teams put on a scoring spree and the count see-sawed back and forth until it stood 28-to-27 with the Orangemen in the lead and only 47 seconds to play. Lenchitsky fouled Gordon, and Gordon stepped up and scored the foul shot which tied up the ball game and necessitated the extra period.

In the last five minutes of play, overtime period, Lewis scored a field goal to put the Beavers ahead 30-to-28. Cross, Cougar guard, retaliated to tie the score at 30-all. MacDonald, Beaver guard, converted a free throw to put the Orangemen ahead 31-to-30. Cross came back with another field goal and Gordon iced the game for the Cougars

with a field goal as the gun sounded. Captain Ed Lewis led all scorers with 13 points. The Washington State victory split the four-game series between the two state colleges.

At this stage of the race the Beavers had a record of four-wins and two-losses and a tie for second place in the conference. Whether O.S.C. remained as a serious contender for the Northern Division conference championship depended a great deal on their outcome in the coming series at Corvallis against the University of Washington.

University of Washington 34 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 23, 1933.

The first game of the important series resulted in a brilliant victory for Oregon State. During the first ten minutes of the game the score see-sawed back and forth and it was Carl Lenchitsky's basket that put the Beavers ahead to stay. Three minutes before the half ended the Beavers enjoyed a comfortable 25-to-17 advantage and at half time were leading 25-to-19. In the second half the Orangemen picked up where they left off. Captain Lewis opened the scoring with a one-hander. It took the Huskies 11 minutes before they could score a field goal. The Beavers kept up a tremendous scoring pace and it was not until Gill inserted his reserves that Washington started scoring more regularly. Captain Ed Lewis, who played one of his greatest games, scored 18 points on nine field goals. Skeet O'Connell who was almost equally spectacular led the Beavers' attack and had 11 points.

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 24, 1933.

After trailing from the opening second of an exciting game, the champion Huskies came back and defeated a hard-fighting O.S.C. quintet in this second game of the important series.

It was not until the second half that the champs could overtake the hard-fighting Beavers. The first half saw the Beavers grab the lead at the outset when Captain Ed Lewis sank a field goal and held the lead until the half, the score was 15-to-13. At the opening of the second half Washington slipped into the lead when Joe Weber, Husky forward, sank a long shot and from then on the Huskies led through the remainder of the game. Although the Orangemen tied them twice they were able to make only nine points while Washington was gathering 17. Failure of O.S.C. to convert fouls was costly for Gill's men. The Beavers made good only two fouls out of eight attempts while the Huskies converted eight out of twelve. Captain Ed Lewis was again high-point man for his eighth successive conference game with nine points.

After the important series, Hec Edmundson, University of Washington coach, had fine praise for Ed Lewis. Mr. Edmundson made the statement that Ed Lewis was as fine a basketeer as he had ever seen. "Lewis is extraordinarily shifty, smart and effective. He has strong inspirational qualities, too" (9, p.43).

With 94 points to his credit, Lewis continued to hold a comfortable margin over his nearest rival, Huntley Gordon of Washington State

College for the conference scoring leadership.

With eight games completed, the Beavers held third place in the conference race with a five-win, three-loss record. Washington was in first place with five and one, and Washington State in second place with a six and three record.

University of Washington 29 -- O.S.C. 33, Seattle, Washington,  
February 3, 1933.

Coach "Slats" Gill named the following men to represent O.S.C. in the important series at Seattle; Captain Ed Lewis, Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Merle Taylor, Jiggs James, Everett Davis, Carl Lenchitsky, Bob Lucas, Fred "Red" MacDonald, Fred Hill, and student manager George Baldwin.

Led by Lewis, the Orange outfit won their second of three games played with the Huskies this season. The Huskies got off to a quick lead on three baskets by Lee, Fuller, and Anterich to pile up a 6-to-0 lead in the first five minutes. In the middle of the first half with Lewis and Lenchitsky leading the way, the Beavers had managed to pull up and tie the Huskies at 10-all. At the end of the first half the Beavers had worked up to a 17-to-14 lead at half time.

Washington again jumped into the lead at the start of the second half on quick baskets by Weber and Hanson only to have the Beavers rally behind O'Connell and Lenchitsky. The lead changed hands a number of times and with five minutes of play remaining, the score was tied at 27-all. From this point on, quick baskets by Lewis, O'Connell and Hibbard, the Beavers took the lead and went on to their important

victory. Lewis scored 11 points, Lenchitsky 10, and O'Connell 7. Red MacDonald, the starting O.S.C. guard, became ill at half time and was unable to play in the second half. His place was taken by Everett Davis.

University of Washington 26 -- O.S.C. 32, Seattle, Washington, February 4, 1933.

Oregon State vaulted into the Northern Division lead when Gill's hoopsters vanquished Edmundson's Huskies for the second straight time. The Huskies led 15-to-11 at half, O'Connell and Lewis took the situation in hand during the second half and after the teams were tied at 21-all, shoved O.S.C. into a commanding lead. Washington's defense cracked when the Beavers went to work in the second half. The Beavers again were led by Lewis and O'Connell who scored 13 and 14 points respectively.

Ed Lewis drew praise from Hec Edmundson for his great play in the series. "I rate Lewis beside my former center, Hank Swanson, as two of the greatest players that the Pacific Northwest has ever produced" (10, p.49).

University of Oregon 21 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, February 7, 1933.

The conference championship was one step nearer Oregon State as the big Beaver team came through with a victory over Oregon. A tough defense set up by Oregon held the Beaver attack to three field goals in the first half, but a series of free throws that the Orangemen

pushed through had the score 16-to-8 at half time. MacDonald and Hibbard started a runaway in the second half and soon the Gillmen were leading 24-to-8. Points from the free-throw line proved the difference; O.S.C. connected with 15 out of 18 chances, Oregon sinking but three in seven attempts. Beaver scoring was led by O'Connell and Lenchitsky with eight and ten points respectively. Lewis was held in check with six points. At the end of 11 games Ed Lewis still maintained the scoring leadership with a total of 224 points.

University of Idaho 26 -- O.S.C. 46, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1933.

Now leading the Northern Division basketball race the Beavers, in an easy lope at Corvallis defeated the University of Idaho to strengthen their hold on the number one spot in the Northern Division basketball race. The score at half time was 19-to-9 in favor of O.S.C. Fouls contributed a lot to Idaho's loss as the visitors committed 14 personal fouls from which O.S.C. picked up 12 points. The second half was a repetition of the first as the Orangemen went on to dominate the ball game and go on to win their lopsided victory. The scoring was well divided between O'Connell, Taylor, and Lewis.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, February 14, 1933.

In the second encounter between the two teams the Idaho Vandals rose to great heights and defeated the Beavers. Mainly through the

efforts of Howard Grenier 6'5½" center, Idaho gained their great victory. This fired up basketball player scored a total of 14 points to lead the Idaho attack. Unable to get a field goal in the first 18 minutes of play, the Beavers were behind at half time 15-to-7. In the second half Ed Lewis got very hot and began beating Grenier and a great Orange rally ensued. The Beavers fought their way up first to a 19-to-18 score which put them only one point behind; then on Davis' fast basket, went ahead 20-to-19 with 10 minutes to play. The score from this point on changed hands two more times with Idaho finally getting the lead and holding it for its great victory. Lewis scored 10 points, O'Connell 8.

With three games left in the conference schedule, Captain Ed Lewis was leading all Northern Division scorers with a total of 143 points. He had an excellent chance to break the conference scoring record of 171 points.

University of Oregon 18 -- O.S.C. 29, Eugene, Oregon, February 18, 1933.

The Ducks were outplayed in every department of the game as the Beavers maintained first place in the Northern Division. From the opening whistle the Beavers were in command of the game with their great Lewis leading the way. For 15 minutes neither team scored a field goal but Oregon State led 3-to-1. Once the ice was broken, the Staters went on to pile up a 15-to-7 lead at half time. In the second half the Webfeet put on a brief rally but could not hold off the determined Beavers. Lewis starred throughout the game as he dominated the

tip-off, he got the ball at least three-fourths of the time thus giving O.S.C. the important advantage of possession.

One of the largest crowds ever to see a basketball game in McArthur Court witnessed the contest. The attendance was announced at 5500.

Multnomah Athletic Club 36 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, February 25, 1933.

A Kings X'er game was played with the Multnomah Athletic Club as the Beavers had two weeks before meeting Oregon in the final two games of their four-game series and also of the conference season. The Club won the contest as Gill used his reserves through most of the game.

University of Oregon 27 -- O.S.C. 32, Corvallis, Oregon, March 3, 1933.

With the conference championship in sight, the Beavers were looking forward to this final series. The Beavers needed only one victory to clinch the championship. When Oregon was notified that Emil Piluso would officiate, the two-game series, they went on record as saying they would postpone the game if he was to be retained as the referee. The University accused Piluso of being pro-O.S.C. due to a statement he was supposed to have made to Ed Lewis. The dispute was finally cleared up when Piluso voluntarily withdrew and recommended that another official be used. Jimmy Mitchell of Spokane, Washington was given the assignment.

O.S.C. won the championship of the Northern Division of the

Pacific Coast Conference by defeating the University of Oregon in an over-time game that was as hard fought as any contest in the history of the two institutions. O.S.C.'s win gave them the right to meet Southern California for the championship of the Pacific Coast Conference.

The score see-sawed in the first half until the Beavers led 17-to-16 at the half time. The second half was a wild affair when with 14 minutes to play the score stood at 21-to-20 in Oregon's favor. It stood at this count for five minutes while both teams fought furiously for the ball until Cap Roberts, Oregon center, made a free throw, making it 22-to-20. Lewis then retaliated with a free throw and Hibbard followed with a field goal to bring the score to 23-to-22 for the Orangemen. Robertson then scored to put Oregon ahead, 24-to-23. Miller, who had gone in for Roberts when the Oregon center was removed from the game on personal fouls, then sunk a field goal in close to bring the count to 26-to-23. MacDonald, Orange guard, who had been playing the game of his life all evening then saved the day by sinking a field goal and a free throw in rapid order, bringing the count to 26-to-26 as the final gun sounded.

In the over-time period Lenchitsky sank a field goal, Lewis made a free throw, MacDonald tossed in a field goal and Lenchitsky made a good free throw while Robertson, Oregon forward, rang up a free throw to bring the final count to 32-to-27. Hibbard, Captain Lewis, and MacDonald were the potent Oregon State scorers.

University of Oregon 24 -- O.S.C. 34, Eugene, Oregon, March 4, 1933.

The high light of the fourth and final game of the series was the breaking of the conference individual scoring record by Lewis. Ed added six points to his scoring total which gave him a grand total of 173, two points over the old mark.

The 34-to-24 O.S.C. victory closed the Beavers 1932-33 season as champions of the Northern Division and also made it four straight over the University of Oregon. MacDonald again led the Beavers by scoring 13 points.

Pacific Coast Conference Championship Playoffs.

With the Northern Division championship tucked away, the Beaver basketballers started to prepare themselves for the invasion of the University of Southern California champions of the Southern Division. Carl Lodell, O.S.C. Athletic Director, announced that the dates for the play-off would be March 10 and 11, 1933, and if a third game were necessary, March 13. Mr. Lodell also announced that 800 reserved seat tickets and 2400 general admission tickets would go on sale.

The Southern California Trojans claimed they had one of the most colorful quintets on the coast. They were led by Jerry Nemer, all-coast and All-American and leading scorer in the Southern Division, Lee Guttero, 6'2", 190 lb. center, and Joe Kelly, 185 lb. sophomore guard nicknamed Barking Joe for his blood curdling whoop at rival players when they shot. A couple of football players, Julius Bescos and Ward Browning, completed the first five.

University of Southern California 33 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon,  
March 10, 1933.

By a two-point margin, O.S.C. nosed out the mighty Trojans in the first game of the play-off series. The game was a close and roughly played contest all the way through. The first half saw both teams battling on even terms and finally the Beavers came through and led at half time 19-to-16. During the second half the Beavers pulled away somewhat and with 14 minutes left to play they were leading 26-to-18. At this time the Trojans began to climb while the Staters were about stationary, so that with seven minutes to go O.S.C. was leading 30-to-27. After short scoring bursts the score stood at 33-to-31 in favor of the Beavers when O'Connell swelled the Orange total to 35 with a lay-in shot. Joe Kelly, Trojan guard, then made a beautiful long shot to make the score 35-to-33 with one minute to go. The Beavers won the game on free throws as both clubs made 13 field goals, while the Orangemen made nine free throws to the Trojans' seven. Captain Ed Lewis was by far the outstanding ball player on the court as he led all scorers with 15 points.

University of Southern California 19 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon,  
March 11, 1933.

The Orange basketekers of O.S.C. won the Basketball championship of the Pacific Coast Conference in one of the most thrilling championship games ever played. Lee Guthero, the Trojan ace center, was missing from the line-up due to a sprained ankle. At the sound of the opening gun O.S.C. grabbed the lead when Captain Lewis flipped in a

short shot. From that point the score stood two-to-nothing for 10 minutes until the score was tied by Joe Kelly's field goal. The lead changed hands several times before the Trojans gained an eight-to-six lead at half time. In the second half the Trojans ran the count to 11 before the Beavers scored a free throw. George Hibbard's and Carl Lenchitsky's field goals tied the score at 11-11 with three minutes gone in the second half. In four minutes the score went to 14-to-12 in O.S.C. favor and the Beavers added four more to the Trojans' two as the game passed midway in the second half. From then on O.S.C. pulled ahead and was not bothered the rest of the game as the Beavers slipped through the Trojan defense and held the visitors' offense in check.

A capacity crowd packed the college gymnasium to the rafters to watch the championship game and such a tumult was raised at the conclusion of the game that rabid fans threatened to tear down the bleachers. It was the first Pacific Coast Conference championship Oregon State had ever won in any sport.

Captain Lewis was Oregon State's outstanding player, although he was not high scorer, for with three fouls chalked against him early in the game he did not let up either on offense or defense and was outstanding in handling the ball on offense.

Jerry Neimer with 33 points and Ed Lewis with 29 points led all scorers in the two-game series.

The coaches of the five Northern Division teams picked two Oregon Staters on the All-Conference team; Skeet O'Connell and

Carl Lenchitsky who received honorable mention All-Coast.

Besides his all-conference and all-coast honors, Captain Ed Lewis was selected on the College Humor's All-American first team for 1933.

Awards were recommended by Slat's Gill to nine members of the Beaver varsity; Captain Ed Lewis, Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Everett Davis, Carl Lenchitsky, Fred MacDonald, Clarence James, Merle Taylor, and Fred Hill. Gold basketballs were awarded to these nine men and also to Coach Slat's Gill, George Baldwin, student manager, and Dr. R. L. Bosworth.

Skeet O'Connell, ex-Commerce High School of Portland athlete, was elected captain of the Orange basketball team for the 1933-34 season.

## CHAPTER III

## OREGON STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS 1933-39

## 1933-34 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Although six lettermen from the 1932-33 Pacific Coast Championship team came back for another year, not a single experienced player was available to replace Ed Lewis, All-American center and team captain. The six returning lettermen were Captain Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Merle Taylor, forwards; Red MacDonald, Carl Lenchitsky and Fred Hill, guards. The vacated center spot probably would be handled by either Wilbur Kidder, 6'4" inexperienced sophomore or Cliff Folen, 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " transfer from Oregon Normal School at Monmouth.

Several newcomers made strong bids for starting positions on the Orange varsity. Wally Palmberg, Bob Bergstrom, and Art Durland, sophomore forwards, the above-mentioned Cliff Folen and Wilbur Kidder, centers; and Ed Creider, Maynard Shultz, and Woody Joslin, sophomore guards, were the most promising candidates.

"The situation in general is only fair," remarked Slats, "finding a man to take the place of Ed Lewis is a real problem. Lewis was one-third of our offense least season. Much depends on how Folen and Kidder come through. In practice so far this season, the team has not looked so hot" (11, p.16).

Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland 22 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, December 15, 1933.

The Beavers were led by Captain Skeet O'Connell who scored 11 points. The Orangemen led at half time 26-to-6.

Union Oil Company 31 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, December 16, 1933.

Lanky Ed Lewis ex-Beaver great, led the Oilers by contributing 11 points to their scoring column. The Portlanders came from behind during the second half as they trailed at half time 17-to-15. Skeet O'Connell and George Hibbard, veteran forwards, divided high-point honors for the Beavers, each making seven points.

Union Oil Company 22 -- O.S.C. 28, Portland, Oregon, December 19, 1933.

A smooth passing Oregon State basketball team evened the series with Union Oil to a game apiece by defeating the Oilers on the Columbia University floor. Union Oil took the lead toward the close of the first half after close play in which neither team pushed far ahead. Their half-time margin was 13-to-11. With George Hibbard leading the way, the Beavers came back strong at the start of the second half to grab the lead and eventually to win. To Wilbur Kidder, Oregon State center, went much of the credit for stopping the powerful Oilers in "keyhole" work against lanky Ed Lewis. The former all-coast and All-American center was held to one field goal. Hibbard scored nine points to lead all scorers.

Multnomah Athletic Club 24 -- O.S.C. 25, Portland, Oregon, December 20, 1933.

Slats' team had to stave off a desperate, nearly successful, last-half rally by the Clubmen. The Beavers held a 19-to-10 advantage at half time. Their margin of victory proved to be on the free-throw line, converting nine shots to six for the Clubmen. Multnomah scored one more field goal. Again George Hibbard led the Beavers in scoring with seven points. Two sophomores, Wilbur Kidder and Bob Bergstrom, scored six and four points respectively.

Union Oil Company 23 -- O.S.C. 26, Portland, Oregon, December 22, 1933.

The last game of the Beavers' Portland invasion was played against the Union Oil quintet in their third and final game against each other. This was the rubber game. Merle Frank Taylor, a substitute forward proved the spark that gave the Beavers their third consecutive victory in its invasion of Portland. It also gave the Beavers the odd game of the three-game series. The big Oilers' machine led by Ed Lewis took a first-half lead over the Staters, 15-to-8, and ran that up to a 20-to-12 margin soon after the second session opened. Gill sent in Taylor, who boomed for two successive field goals and so stirred up the rest of the club that soon the count was even at 20-all. Then the climax came as Red MacDonald tossed in a field goal from the side to give Oregon State a two-point lead, a margin the Oilers could never match. The Beaver scoring was well divided among Wilbur Kidder, Red MacDonald, Merle Taylor, and Carl Lenchitsky.

Willamette University 24 -- O.S.C. 41, Salem, Oregon, December 27, 1933.

Oregon State went on to score its fourth straight victory in beating Willamette University at Salem. Long shots gave the Bearcats an early lead, but the Coast Conference Champions soon found the hoop and went ahead. George Hibbard led the Beaver attack with 12 points and was followed closely by Cliff Folen, Wilbur Kidder, and Skeet O'Connell.

Southern Oregon Normal 29 -- O.S.C. 71, Corvallis, Oregon, December 29, 1933.

Making 43 points in the first half the Beavers went on a scoring spree. Wilbur Kidder, sophomore center, starred during the first half, making 19 points, but was sent from the game early in the second half on fouls. Folen was right behind Kidder with 13 points.

Southern Oregon Normal 30 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1933.

Oregon State College made it two in a row over Southern Oregon Normal in a close game most of the way with the Beavers spurring, just before half time, to lead 18-to-8. After a short Southern Oregon rally in the second half, the Beavers regained their poise to go on and win their final preseason contest. Wilbur Kidder, with 10 points, and Skeet O'Connell and Cliff Folen with eight points each led the Beaver scoring.

The Beaver preseason record was a seven-win and one-loss record.

### Conference Games.

With a good preseason record behind them, the Orangemen started readying themselves for the tough Northern Division schedule which they opened with Washington State at Corvallis. The Cougars were in about the same predicament as Oregon State in the fact that they also lost their outstanding center, Huntly Gordon. Everything pointed to a hard fought series. Slats planned to use Skeet O'Connell and George Hibbard at forward, sophomore Wilbur Kidder at center, and veterans Red MacDonald and Carl Lenchitsky at guard.

Washington State College 16 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 5, 1934.

The Pacific Coast Champions of 1933 opened the defense of their title in good fashion by defeating the Washington State Cougars in the conference opener. It took the champions a long time to get started, but once they did they rang points up in quick fashion. The second half was so much Oregon State that Washington State was only able to score one field goal and two foul shots throughout the whole half. Captain Skeet O'Connell and George Hibbard scored 11 and 6 points respectively. A great opening night crowd of 3000 people witnessed the game.

Washington State College 26 -- O.S.C 24, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 6, 1934.

In a breath-taking rally that snatched the game out of the fire in the last minutes of play, Washington State evened the series in the

second game. For the Orangemen it was a heartbreaker as they had fought their way from a 12-to-4 deficit at half time to a four-point lead with four minutes remaining to play. The Cougars emerged victorious on three long shots in their desperation drive for victory. Two veterans of the Cougar quintet, Roland Johnson and Rex Scott, struck the damaging blows. O'Connell, Hibbard, and Lenchitsky led the Beavers on their great comeback until Johnson and Scott, of Washington State, wrecked them. O'Connell again led all scorers with 10 points and was closely followed by Lenchitsky who had eight points.

University of Oregon 30 -- O.S.C. 26, Eugene, Oregon, January 13, 1934.

Instead of waiting till near the end of the basketball season to begin hostilities with the University of Oregon, the Beavers met their arch rivals in their third game of the conference season. Oregon State's problems regarding the University of Oregon's basketball was to match the size of the Webfoots who were reported to have their largest team, in size, that they had since Coach Bill Reinhardt took over the Oregon reins in 1924. Never relinquishing the lead, the University of Oregon basketball team rang up their victory over Oregon State. This was the Beavers' first defeat to Oregon in their last five meetings. The Webfoot superiority at the foul line was the margin of victory as each team had 10 field goals, but the Green and Lemon team was four points to the better on their foul line. Oregon jumped into the lead at the start and held a 16-to-7 edge at half time. The Beavers came back with a rush in the second half,

but they couldn't quite muster the necessary points. The closest they came was 27-to-26. Throughout the closing five minutes of the ball game they trailed by three and four points. As a result of this defeat the Beavers were moved from a tie for second place to fourth place in the conference standings. George Hibbard was Slats' high-point man with three field goals and three foul shots for a total of nine points. Skeet O'Connell and Red MacDonald followed with four and five points respectively.

University of Oregon 2 -- O.S.C. 16, Corvallis, Oregon, January 19, 1934.

The Beavers' next opponent was again the University of Oregon, this time playing in Corvallis. It was the last game for the Beavers at home before leaving on the grueling Inland Empire trip. In preparing for Oregon, Gill spent a good deal of the time on defensive practice. He also was hoping to add a few new maneuvers to his offensive pattern. In one of the tightest defensive games ever played at Corvallis, the Oregon State Beavers defeated Oregon 16-to-9. So close was the checking in the opening period that the half-time score was only six-to-three in favor of Oregon. The Orangemen failed to make a single field goal in the opening frame, getting three points on two free throws by George Hibbard and one by Captain "Skeet" O'Connell.

Starting early in the second half, the Beavers came back strong and moved into an eight-to-six lead on a field goal and a free throw by George Hibbard. A basket by Captain Skeet O'Connell widened the margin to 10-to-6. With the score 10-to-6 George

Hibbard hit for two consecutive field goals and Carl Lenchitsky hit for one, which gave the Staters a 16-to-8 lead with five minutes to go. Oregon picked up one more point on a free throw but never did threaten during the last five minutes as the Beavers played very conservatively. This Orange victory evened the two-game series at one each. Leading the Beavers in this important victory was George Hibbard who contributed 11 points to the Staters' total of 16.

As the Beavers prepared for their tough Inland Empire jaunt, they found themselves tied for second place in conference standings with a two-win, two-loss record. The opening series of the trip was against Idaho at Moscow and then over to Pullman to meet Washington State.

Defensive tactics of Oregon State in the Idaho series were organized to stop Howard Grenier, huge Idaho center. At Pullman against the Cougars it was organized to stop the long-shooting Ken Sillis and Huntley McPhee, both of whom were in the thick of the individual scoring race.

Coach "Slate" Gill announced that the following men would make the trip to Idaho and Washington State; Captain "Skeet" O'Connell, George Hibbard, Merle Taylor, and Wally Palmberg, forwards; Bob Bergstrom, Fred Hill, Carl Lenchitsky, and Red MacDonald, guards; Wilbur Kidder and Cliff Folen, centers.

University of Idaho 31 -- O.S.C. 25, Moscow, Idaho, January 23, 1934.

The Beavers' first outing on the Inland Empire trip was a disastrous one as the Idaho Vandals turned the tables on the Staters

and defeated them 31-to-25. Oregon State dominated play in the first half as their zone defense made Idaho resort to long shots while the Beavers were breaking through the Idaho defense for good shots. The Beavers ran up a 16-to-11 lead in the first half.

The second half found the Vandals beginning to connect on their long shots with Fisher, Grenier, and W. Geraghty doing the damage. Idaho caught the Beavers and went ahead 19-to-18 and never relinquished the lead from that point on. In scoring the Orangemen were led by Folen and Lenchitsky with 10 and 7 points respectively.

University of Idaho 23 -- O.S.C. 32, Moscow, Idaho, January 14, 1934.

Oregon State reversed the tables on Idaho in the second contest of their two-game series. The Beavers started by scoring the first basket on a field goal by George Hibbard and worked up to a 9-to-3 lead before Idaho got their offense going. Idaho led at half time 13-to-12. In the second period George Hibbard started locating the hoop with regularity and the Beaver zone defense started to click to the point where Idaho was getting nothing but long shots. After the Staters gained the lead they were never again headed and rode on to victory. Hibbard scored 13 points, Lenchitsky 8 points.

Washington State College 23 -- O.S.C. 26, Pullman, Washington, January 26, 1933.

With one day's rest under their belts the Beavers moved over to Pullman to take on the always tough Cougars. The opening contest resulted in a victory for Oregon State in a close and hard fought game.

Red MacDonald opened the scoring with a field goal from the corner. Twice the score was tied before the Orangemen stepped out in front to lead at half time 13-to-11. The Beavers were caught napping at the start of the second half as Washington State came back strong to tie the score and then moved ahead 15-to-13. At this point Oregon State regained their poise and came back at the Cougars and ran up a 22-to-15 lead. The Beaver spurt in the second half was led by Hill, Folen, and Lenchitsky as they came through with important baskets which insured the Beaver victory. Oregon State's scoring was very evenly distributed between Captain Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Cliff Folen, and Red MacDonald.

Washington State College 24 -- O.S.C. 15, Pullman, Washington,  
January 27, 1934.

A near perfect Cougar defense enabled them to hold the Staters to just three field goals. O'Connell scored a field goal for the Oregon Staters at the outset of the contest and not another basket was made for 30 minutes. Nine of the 15 points registered were from the free-throw line. The only other field goals scored for the Beavers were made by Merle Taylor and Fred Hill.

The Beavers ended their invasion of the Inland Empire with a two-win and two-loss record. With this split the Beavers were in second place in conference standings with a four-win and four-loss record.

University of Washington 21 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 2, 1934.

Upon returning to the campus the Staters started setting their sights on the important University of Washington series which was coming up on the week-end of February 2 and 3, 1934. The possibility of Oregon State staying in the thick of the Northern Division hoop race depended to a great extent on this series. The University of Washington's eight-game winning streak was brought to an abrupt halt when the Beavers defeated the Huskies in the first of their two-game series 25-to-21. The Staters took the lead in the first 30 seconds of play on a basket by Skeet O'Connell, Orange captain, and never relinquished the advantage. After piling up a 13-to-5 lead at half time and running the score to 17-to-5 with only 16 minutes left in the final period, the Orangemen watched their lead cut to two points in little more than five minutes. With the pressure on the two Beaver guards, Carl Lenchitsky and Red MacDonald, they came through with two quick field goals to again give the Beavers a comfortable margin to work on. The Staters gained their last points on two free throws by Captain O'Connell and Merle Taylor which brought the team total to 25 with still five minutes left to play. Despite a frantic last few minutes drive, the Huskies were able to make only three free throws and bring their final score to 21. O'Connell scored nine points, Taylor five.

University of Washington 18 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 3, 1934.

This victory left the Beavers, the defending champions of the Pacific Coast Conference, still in possession of a mathematical chance to successfully defend their title. Before the two setbacks, the Huskies were undefeated in eight straight games. Red MacDonald sent the Beavers into the lead in the first moment of play with a field goal. It was 4-to-0, Oregon State, a minute later when Skeet O'Connell found the range. At this point the Huskies broke into the scoring column, Lee making good on a free throw and Wagner tossing in a field goal. This made the score 4-to-3; that was the closest the Huskies ever got. The Beavers worked to an 16-to-7 lead at half time. In the second half the Beavers still maintained their victory pace and were never threatened. Hibbard, with four field goals and a free throw for a total of nine points, replaced O'Connell as the chief scoring threat in Slat's Gill's lineup. Lenchitsky scored five points, O'Connell, Folen, and MacDonald four each.

These two great Oregon State victories still gave the Beavers a mathematical chance for the conference title. One Beaver defeat would automatically give the Huskies the title.

University of Idaho 14 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon, February 12,  
1934.

In a slow and uninteresting game, Oregon State kept their title hopes alive. The Orangemen grabbed the lead two minutes after the

game started and Idaho never once threatened. O'Connell, Hibbard, and MacDonald led the attack to give the Beavers a 21-to-8 advantage at half time. In the second period Idaho was held to only two field goals while Oregon State was scoring eight. After the 11 minute mark, Coach Slat's Gill began rushing in Orange substitutes and the final four minutes were played with an entirely new team. MacDonald and O'Connell each scored nine points.

University of Idaho 34 -- O.S.C. 22, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1934.

Flashing a complete reversal of form, Idaho defeated Oregon State the next night. Although Idaho held only a 15-to-12 lead at half time, it took them just two minutes in the second period to run the score to 25-to-12. This ten-point flurry put the game on ice for the Vandals as Oregon State was able to close the gap only one point during the final 15 minutes. Oregon State had now lost five games and no contender had ever lost more than five and won the championship. This just about put Washington in as champions.

University of Washington 24 -- O.S.C. 21, Seattle, Washington, February 16, 1934.

With the chance of retaining their Pacific Coast Conference title looking slimmer than ever, the Beavers looked forward to the very important series against Washington at Seattle. A single loss to the Huskies would definitely make Washington the champions of the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Washington's aggressive, fast-shooting Huskies snatched the basketball championship of the Northern Division as they defeated the Beavers, 24-to-21. This victory also avenged a two-game defeat at the hands of the Staters who marred an otherwise perfect season record. The first half was a disappointment to the Beavers because of their inability to handle the ball. They lost the ball when they had good opportunities to score. "Traveling" penalties also hindered the Beavers in their quest for victory. Washington led 12-to-9.

Two wonderful Oregon State rallies in the second half put the Orange back in the game and at one time held a 21-to-19 lead with seven minutes to play. The Orange lead was short-lived though, as the Huskies, with Hal Lee spearheading the attack, came back to grab a 22-to-21 lead with minutes to go. The Huskies caged another field goal which gave them their 24 point total and victory. Cliff Folen, who consistently got the tip-off, led the Beavers in scoring with a total of seven points on one field goal and five free throws. No Beaver was able to get more than one field goal. The game was played before a crowd between eight and ten thousand.

University of Washington 35 -- O.S.C. 26, Seattle, Washington,  
February 17, 1934.

The Huskies strengthened their hold on the Northern Division championship with a 35-to-26 victory over the Beavers the second night in Seattle. The game was played before a crowd of 6500. Unlike their first meeting, when the Staters repeatedly took the lead, Washington grabbed the lead after two minutes of play and the Beavers were never

able to overcome it. Half-time score was Washington 23 and Oregon State 17. The Huskies' defense in the second half held the Beaver attack to one field goal. Oregon State was led in the scoring column by Wilbur Kidder who gathered six points on two free throws and two field goals.

The Beavers' two losses to the University of Washington left them with a record of seven-wins and seven-losses which was still good enough for second place in the conference standings.

University of Oregon 33 -- O.S.C. 25, Eugene, Oregon, March 2, 1934.

The winner of the final series with Oregon would get second place honors in the conference standings as both quintets were tied after 14 games with seven-wins and seven-losses.

Lack of scoring power greatly handicapped the Orange quintet throughout the year as the leading scorer, George Hibbard, averaged only a little better than five points a game. The Orangemen made up for this, however, by a fine defensive record which allowed opposing teams only an average of approximately 23 points per game. A trio of Oregon Staters, O'Connell, MacDonald, and Lenchitsky were playing their last series under Orange colors.

Oregon won by getting the jump early in the game to move far ahead before Oregon State got organized. At half time it stood 18-to-6 for Oregon and four points of Oregon State's six were on free throws. The Webfoots in this 20-minute period held the Orange to one lonesome field goal. Cliff Folen shot that one three minutes after

the period started on a swing shot after taking a pass from George Hibbard. Folen's basket evened up the score and that was the only time throughout the game that the score was tied.

Starting the second half with a twelve-point handicap to overcome, Oregon State finally began hitting the basket. At the ten minute mark an Orange rally had cut this to nine points at 25-to-16 with three-and-a-half minutes left; the Orange in a fighting finish reduced this still further to seven points, at 30-to-23. Oregon State's lone point in the final three-and-a-half minutes was MacDonald's free toss. Red MacDonald, Cliff Folen, and Skeet O'Connell led the Beavers in their lost cause.

Their defeat moved the Beavers from a tie for second place to undefeated possessors of third place as the Ducks gained the second spot.

University of Oregon 24 -- O.S.C. 21, Corvallis, Oregon, March 3, 1934.

The Ducks clinched second place in the Northern Division race by defeating the Beavers in the final contest of the season. Bud Jones put Oregon ahead in the first three minutes of play with a field goal and although the Beavers succeeded in tying the score once in the first period, the Webfoots had a two-point lead at half time. In the second half the game was nip-and-tuck as both teams battled hard. At two minutes to go, with the score 22-to-21 in favor of Oregon, a break came along that deprived the Beavers of their last big chance. Red MacDonald, Beaver guard, found himself under the basket all alone as he received a pass from Carl Lenchitsky. It was just too easy a

cripple. Red overshot it and the chance was gone. With a minute to go, the Webfoots picked up a field goal which gave them their three-point lead and the margin of their victory. This final game definitely settled Oregon State in third place position of the conference standings with a seven-win, nine-loss record. The latter part of the season was a nightmare for the Beavers as they sustained five defeats in a row.

Nine Oregon State basketball players were recommended for varsity awards by Coach Slats Gill; Cliff Folen, Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Wilbur Kidder, Fred Hill, Carl Lenchitsky, Fred "Red" MacDonald, Wally Palmberg, and Merle Taylor.

Three Beavers were placed on the Northern Division all-star team which was selected by coaches, officials, and sports writers who saw all the players in action. Red MacDonald was selected on the first team as a guard; George Hibbard and Carl Lenchitsky were selected on the second team.

Red MacDonald also received honorable mention for all-coast honors on the official All-Pacific Coast Conference basketball team.

The leadership in the individual scoring race for the Beavers was divided between O'Connell and Hibbard as they both ended up with a total of 83 points. Following them in order were; Red MacDonald with 57 points, Cliff Folen with 56, and Carl Lenchitsky with 50.

## 1934-35 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill looked forward to the coming season with a nucleus of seven lettermen; Cliff Folen and Wilbur Kidder, centers; Fred Hill and Mose Lyman, forwards; George Hibbard, Wally Palmberg, and Merle "Humpty" Taylor, guards. Gill experimented with Cliff Folen and Wilbur Kidder at center, Fred Hill and Bob Bergstrom at forward, and Wally Palmberg and George Hibbard at guard. Also trying out for the varsity basketball squad were Bud Rieke, Bud Wagner, Art Durland, Hub Tuttle, Art Merryman, Chet Kebbe, Earl Conkling, Hollis Dellinger, and Jay Hollingsworth.

Multnomah Athletic Club 38 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 14, 1934.

In the Beavers' first encounter of the year, the first half, which ended 20-to-17 in favor of the Orangemen, was a nip-and-tuck affair in which the score was tied six times and the lead changed on three occasions. The Orangemen held onto the lead all through the second half, but the Clubbers were always right on their heels. It was young Mose Lyman, who evidently had lost none of his basketball ability while in Germany for three years, who put the fire in the Orange team. Cliff Folen along with Lyman was instrumental in the Beaver victory. Folen scored 11 points and Lyman had 6.

Union Oil 38 -- O.S.C. 30, Corvallis, Oregon, December 15, 1934.

In the second outing of the year the Oilmen took the lead at the onset and held it throughout. At the end of the first half the score was 25-to-16 in favor of the Oilmen. Oregon State scoring was led by young Mose Lyman, Merle Taylor, Cliff Folen, and Fred Hill.

After the Beavers' first two games Coach Slats Gill was very dissatisfied with his team's showing. "We need lots of work on defense," remarked Slats. "Our ball handling is very ragged and we are in dire need of a smooth-working combination" (12, p.31).

Willamette University 23 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, December 21, 1934.

Led by Wilbur Kidder the Beavers experienced little trouble defeating Willamette. Score at half time favored the Orangemen, 23-to-11. Oregon State took the lead in the opening minute. The Orangemen then gradually pulled away and midway through the first half had a comfortable 14-to-4 lead. The Beavers showed much improvement since playing Union Oil. Wilbur Kidder, with nine points was high-point man.

Union Oil 32 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, December 22, 1934.

Oregon State's second encounter of the year with Union Oil of Portland resulted in a second defeat. The Oilmen overcame a nine-point handicap during the first five minutes of play in the second half. It was Jerry Thomas, ex-Beaver star, who put the Oilers back in the running in the opening minutes of the second half. He scored

four field goals in five minutes. The Oilers gained a 23-to-21 lead and were never headed. The game was one of the most exciting seen on the Beaver court. Wally Palmberg was the offensive star for the Orange along with Captain George Hibbard and Cliff Folen. They scored eight, seven, and seven points, respectively.

With four games under their belts the Beavers prepared for their first road trip of the season. They were scheduled to play the Astoria All-Stars at Astoria, Multnomah Athletic Club and Union Oil in Portland. Players selected by Gill to make the trip were Captain George Hibbard, Merle Taylor, Art Merryman, Wally Palmberg, Bob Bergstrom, Wilbur Kidder, Cliff Folen, Earl Conkling, Fred Hill, young Mose Lyman, Bud Rieke and Hub Tuttle.

Astoria All-Stars 16 -- O.S.C. 60, Astoria, Oregon, December 27, 1934.

On the first outing of their road trip the Orangemen routed the Astoria All-Stars. Oregon State held a 33-to-5 lead at half time and was never threatened by the All-Stars. Earl Conkling scored 13 points, George Hibbard 11.

Multnomah Athletic Club 28 -- O.S.C. 20, Portland, Oregon, December 29, 1934.

After a first half that ended with the Beavers in the lead 12-to-8, the Clubmen rushed into the lead midway in the first half, fell behind, and forged back again with a barrage of field goals that sent them definitely into the lead. Hibbard, Lyman, Bergstrom, and Kidder scored four points apiece to lead the Beaver scoring.

Union Oil 22 -- O.S.C. 29, Portland, Oregon, December 29, 1934.

The Beavers salvaged the third game of their three-game series with the Union Oil quintet of Portland as they gained a 29-to-22 victory. The game was played at the Jefferson High School gymnasium in Portland. The Oilmen got away to a 9-to-1 lead before Oregon State began clicking, but the Orangemen started finding the range with regularity and overhauled the Oilers to lead at half time 15-to-13. In the second half Union Oil once came within four points, but no closer. Lyman and Hibbard scored eight points each.

Pacific University 11 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1935.

Led by Wally Palmberg who topped scorers with 11 points, the Beavers experienced little trouble with Pacific. The Orangemen held the Badgers to three field goals in the entire game. Earl Conkling closely followed Palmberg in the scoring column with eight points.

Willamette University 18 -- O.S.C. 25, Salem, Oregon, January 3, 1935.

Oregon State finished their nine-game preseason schedule with a 25-to-18 victory over Willamette University. Both teams appeared ragged in a game that saw a good deal of whistle-blowing. Throughout the greater part of the first half Willamette kept on a par with the big Orangemen but the shooting of Captain George Hibbard slowly drew the Staters ahead until they led 15-to-10 at half time. The teams kept fairly even in the second half although "Spec" Keene's hoopsters were unable to cut down the Oregon State lead. Hibbard led the Beaver scoring with 10 points; Palmberg scored six points.

Oregon State ended their preseason schedule with a six-win and three-loss record. Head scorer for the Beavers was Hibbard with 60 points. Folen had 48 points, Palmberg 41, and Lyman 40.

The Beavers turned their sights to the opening of the conference season as they started preparing themselves to open against Washington State College in a two-game series.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 19 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 7, 1935.

Paced by Wally Palmberg, who scored 10 points and played an outstanding floor game, Oregon State defeated the Washington State Cougars 25-to-19. The Cougars were off to a three-point lead in the first four minutes, but relinquished the lead late in the first half behind a barrage of Beaver baskets. Holding a one-point advantage at the start of the second half, Wally Palmberg and Art Merryman boosted the Beaver margin to five points early in the last half. From this point on the Cougars were never able to close the gap to more than three points. Although Palmberg stole individual scoring honors, Bob Bergstrom and Mose Lyman proved towers of strength under both backboards.

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 8, 1935.

The Orangemen, who had not taken a second night home game from

the Cougars since 1930, turned the tables as they defeated the Cougars for the second time 38-to-28. High-point man Lyman scored six field goals and three free throws for 15 points. He also played a sensational floor game. The play in the first half was nip-and-tuck until, with seven minutes to play in the half and the score 11-to-10 for Oregon State, the Beavers went on their most potent scoring spree in many years as they scored 18 points to take a commanding 27-to-15 lead at half time. Lyman and Hibbard led the onslaught. During the second half the Beavers maintained their advantage and coasted to victory. Hibbard with six points and Folen with eight points followed Lyman in the Beaver scoring column.

Feeling quite jubilant over their two-game victory over the Cougars, the Beavers looked forward to their coming game with the Oregon Ducks who also defeated W.S.C. two straight. The contest besides being a game between the State's traditional rivals, was a battle for first place in Northern Division conference standings.

University of Oregon 18 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, January 12, 1935.

The Beavers made themselves definite threats in the championship race as they scored an overwhelming victory over the University of Oregon 47-to-18. By virtue of this win the Beavers entrenched themselves in first place with a three-won, no-loss record. The Web-footers scored the opening basket of the contest but during the next six minutes of play the Beavers piled up 16 points and maintained that margin of a lead at half time. In the second period the Beavers

increased their lead to 21 points the first five minutes of play. With three minutes left to play, the Beavers had a lead of 30 points when Coach Gill put in an entirely new line-up. Palmberg, high-point man for the Beavers, scored six of the 20 field goals. Hibbard scored three field goals and three free throws for nine points; Conkling and Bergstrom scored eight points each.

The running style of basketball played by Oregon State against the University of Oregon drew much comment from spectators and sports writers. L. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Oregonian, made the following statement in his column, "My goodness, you should see them go! Eighteen points in one seven-minute stretch against Washington State, 16 points in six-and-a-half minutes against Oregon. They make that court a race track" (13, p.52).

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 25, Seattle, Washington,  
January 18, 1935.

What probably was the most important series of the 1935 season for the Beavers was their two-game series with the University of Washington at Seattle. The Orangemen boasted the only undefeated record in the Northern Division while the Huskies were hoping to hit the comeback trail in the direction which had brought them five pennants in six years. During that period Oregon State, alone, had been able to break even with the Huskies, each winning 11 games.

"Slats" Gill named the following to make the trip to Seattle, Captain George Hibbard, Wally Palmberg, Merle Taylor, Art Merryman,

forwards; Cliff Folen, Wilbur Kidder and Earl Conkling, centers; Mose Lyman, Bob Bergstrom, Bud Rieke, Fred Hill and Hub Tuttle, guards. Dr. R. L. Bosworth and Lewis Reicher, student manager, also made the trip. Richard "Mose" Lyman did not make the trip due to an attack of influenza.

The Beaver invasion of Seattle, Washington was a disappointing one as the Huskies of the University of Washington turned the tables on the Orangemen with a 30-to-25 victory. In the first half the Beavers were held to two field goals as their shooting was way off par. Only the very close checking of the Beaver man-to-man defense kept the Huskies from running up a much bigger count. During the second half the Beavers found themselves and made it a very interesting contest. The Beavers kept pecking away at the Husky lead and one time the Huskies were only leading by two points, 25-to-23. This was the closest the Orangemen came. The Beaver scoring was fairly even but it was Captain George Hibbard, Wally Palmberg and Cliff Folen who led the attack.

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 25, Seattle, Washington,  
January 19, 1935.

The Huskies did it again, and by exactly the same score, 30-to-25. This victory moved Washington into undisputed possession of first place and moved the Beavers into a second-place tie with the University of Oregon.

Oregon State's inability to take care of Washington's Bob Galer did much to cause their defeat. With Galer leading the attack, the

Huskies took a 16-to-10 lead at half time. The Beavers started the second half with a fury and in 45 seconds wiped out four points of the six-point gap. Repeatedly Oregon State battled the fiery game almost to a tie, only to have Galer wreck the outlook for them. Hibbard led the Beavers with nine points and Bergstrom and Conkling were close behind. The Beavers missed steady Mose Lyman in these two games.

University of Washington 26 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon  
January 25, 1935.

Oregon State's next series was against the same Washington Huskies at Corvallis. The Beavers were out to keep their home court record clear and to advance to first place in the Northern Division standings. A double win by the Beavers would put them back in first place. A split series or double loss would not help the Beaver cause a bit.

The Beavers called on their long-unused zone defense, and it helped them defeat the Huskies in the first of their important two-game series, 31-to-26. Before the capacity crowd had settled down, the Oregon Staters jumped to an 8-to-0 lead in a minute-and-a-half. Although the Huskies started closing the gap, the Beavers held an 18-to-15 advantage at half time. Washington finally tied the score at 22-all, mainly through the efforts of Bob Galer with ten minutes played in the second half. Shortly after, Chuck Wagner, Husky guard, scored a long field goal and put the Huskies ahead 24-to-22. Quick baskets by Wally Palmberg and Fred Hill, however, put the Beavers

ahead again where they stayed until victory was finally theirs. The Orangemen were led to their fine victory by Wally Palmberg and George Hibbard, who led the scorers, and by Earl Conkling and Elmer Kidder, Beaver center, who controlled the tip which gave the Beavers a definite advantage. Palmberg scored 13 points and Hibbard 8.

University of Washington 17 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, January 26, 1935.

Oregon State increased their first place lead by defeating the University of Washington 28-to-17. It was the conversion of free throws that enabled Oregon State to win by the 11 point margin, as the Beavers converted 12 out of their 13 attempts. At the end of the first 12 minutes of play the score stood 5-to-4 in Washington's favor, but from that time on the Orangemen were never headed, the first half ending with O.S.C. on the long end of a 13-to-9 score. The victory gave the Beavers five wins in seven conference games and a decided hold on first place.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 33, Eugene, Oregon, February 2, 1935.

With the second clash between the Beavers and the Ducks of the University of Oregon coming up, the Beavers started preparing themselves for a real tough encounter. The Beavers figured that Oregon would definitely be after them to avenge their annihilating defeat in their first encounter. Mose Lyman was in good health for the coming skirmish, but the flu bug again bit the Oregon State Beavers at the wrong time as it caused Cliff Folen to be admitted to the Corvallis

General Hospital and he could not be counted on to play in the coming Oregon contest.

Oregon State strengthened its leadership in the Northern Division race with a narrow 33-to-31 victory over the Oregon Ducks. In a nip-and-tuck contest, in which the lead changed hands no less than a dozen times, the Beavers overcame a three-point lead after five minutes of play in the second half and nosed out the two-point victory. The Webfoots led at half time 15-to-12. The basket that turned the trend definitely in favor of the rallying Orangemen was a shot by Captain George Hibbard which gave the Beavers an 18-to-17 lead which they never relinquished.

A crowd of 5,200, the largest that had seen a basketball game at McArthur Court in many a season, was kept on the edge of the seats throughout the exciting contest. Oregon State was led in scoring by Hibbard with 13 points and Lyman with 6. The victory increased the Beaver lead in the conference race to one full game over the University of Washington.

Defensive work aplenty was the pattern of the workouts as the Beavers were preparing for the coming Idaho series in Corvallis. Coach Gill had much praise for the role the substitutes had been playing. Whenever they were called upon they came through in great fashion. He praised the work of Hal Tuttle, Cliff Folen, Fred Hill, Merle Taylor and Art Merryman. In the eight conference games thus far the Orangemen had scored 252 points for an average of 31.5 markers a game. On defense, the Orangemen had allowed their opponents only 199 points for an

average slightly less than 25 points a game.

University of Idaho 18 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon, February 11, 1935.

A jittery Oregon State team came through with a tough victory over the Vandals. The Beavers were led by Mose Lyman who acted as a steadying influence and also came through with 11 points. At half time the Beavers maintained a slim two-point lead, 15-to-13. Both clubs missed enough shots to sew up an average game. Of the more than 100 shots taken from the floor, the Beavers made good only 12 and Idaho 7. Besides Lyman, Captain George Hibbard, Wally Palmberg and Cliff Folen contributed to the scoring with two field goals apiece.

University of Idaho 18 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, February 12, 1935.

A smooth-working Beaver team defeated Idaho the second night of the series, 34-to-18. After ten minutes of close play in the first half the Orangemen went into the lead, never to be headed again. Half time score favored the Oregon Staters, 18-to-10. Not only did the Beavers excel in hitting the basket with 15 field goals to a scant six for Idaho, but on defense was impregnable. Idaho only got 33 shots all evening, so closely were the Vandals guarded. Hibbard led the Orange scorers with five field goals and one free throw for 11 points. Close behind him was the dashing Wally Palmberg with four from the floor and one free throw for nine points. In the final six minutes, Gill removed all his regulars but Bob Bergstrom, and with

three minutes to go, replaced him also.

With the twin victory, Oregon State maintained its leadership position in the Northern Division conference race.

University of Oregon 27 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, February 16, 1935.

The final home game for the Beavers' third game of the Civil War series, ended in favor of the Beavers. A great second-half rally enabled the Beavers to advance another step nearer the championship of the Northern Division. For nearly three quarters of the contest the Beavers were trailing the Webfooters, who had a 15-to-10 lead at half time. Oregon increased its lead in the early part of the second half and were leading 23-to-16 when the Beavers' offense began to roll and resulted in scoring 10 straight points before Oregon was able to register another marker. Hub Tuttle, substitute guard, became a hero in the eyes of Beaver rooters as he led the Beavers in their great comeback. He came into the game, replacing Bob Bergstrom, with 14 minutes of play left in the ball game and immediately went to work and pulled the Orangemen out of their doldrums as he scored three quick field goals along with two free throws. One of the largest crowds that ever thronged Oregon State's gymnasium saw the game. Total paid attendance was 3,262, but counting everybody there was better than 3,500 in the house and they were even sitting on the stairways. Gate receipts of \$1025.45 set an Oregon State basketball record.

Washington State College 30 -- O.S.C. 27, Pullman, Washington,  
February 22, 1935.

The twelve Beavers who made the trip to the Inland Empire were Captain George Hibbard, Wally Palmberg, Merle Taylor, Hal Tuttle, Art Merryman, Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, Wilbur Kidder, Bob Bergstrom, Mose Lyman, Bud Rieke, and Fred Hill. Dr. R. L. Bosworth and Lewis Riechers, student manager, were also included in the traveling party.

The Beavers' march toward the Northern Division championship received an unexpected set-back when Washington State defeated them 30-to-27. The result left Oregon State a bare half-game ahead of the hard-pressing Huskies. Sparked by Palmberg and Hibbard, the Beavers jumped into an early lead and had tallied seven points while the Cougars were held to one free throw. As the half wore off the Cougars found the range and half time found them leading 12-to-10. In the second half with Jack Holstine and Frank Hoper leading the way, the Cougars strengthened their lead and with three minutes left to play they were leading 29-to-21. The Beavers made a strong attempt to overhaul the Cougars in the failing minutes but had too much ground to cover. Wally Palmberg led the Beaver scoring with 13 points.

Washington State College 22 -- O.S.C. 36, Pullman, Washington,  
February 23, 1935.

Led by Captain George Hibbard and Wally Palmberg who scored 9 and 12 points respectively, the title-bound Beavers put their

offense in high gear the next night. Oregon State shut out the Cougars in field goals for nine minutes of the second half as the Orangemen sprinted to a 35-to-15 lead. This spark definitely clinched the contest for the Beavers.

University of Idaho 24 -- O.S.C. 26, Moscow, Idaho, February 25, 1935.

The Oregon State Beavers stayed on top of the Northern Division conference when they moved to Moscow and defeated the Vandals 26-to-24. Both teams scored 10 field goals but it was the Beaver accuracy at the foul line that brought them their victory. A hectic last nine minutes found the fighting Vandals whittling away a seven-point Oregon State lead. The Beavers were ahead 25-to-18 and started to stall at this point, but the Vandals repeatedly took the ball away from the Orangemen and kept cutting down the Beaver lead. The time just ran out on the Vandals and saved the Beavers this very important victory. Hibbard played striking ball for the Orangemen and was high man with three field goals and one free shot for seven points. The two big Beaver centers, Earl Conkling and Cliff Folen, did yeoman's work on the backboards.

University of Idaho 27 -- O.S.C. 35, Moscow, Idaho, February 26, 1935.

Undismayed at trailing throughout the first half, the Beavers calmly went into the second half and set a pace that the Idaho Vandals couldn't cope with and consequently won their second Northern Division championship. The Vandals were able to keep pace in the first half with the champion Beavers as they ran up a 9-to-2 lead during the early part of the half. Oregon State tightened up on defense and gradually pulled

up even with the Vandals at 11-all. As the half ended, Idaho still had a one-point lead, 14-to-13. The second half saw the two teams battle on even terms for ten minutes with the score being tied either by Idaho or O.S.C., at 15, 17, 19, 20, and 21. With Cliff Folen's basket at 23, the Beavers pulled ahead and were never headed or threatened until the final gun sounded and the Beavers won their championship. Cliff Folen, playing only in the second half, led the Beavers to their great victory. He scored 9 points and was closely followed by Earl Conkling with 8 points. The great backboard work of Folen and Conkling contributed much to the Beavers' success.

Upon the Beaver arrival in Portland, on their way home, they were hustled off to a breakfast sponsored by the Orange Council, a Portland organization made up of O.S.C. alumni and friends.

Mose Lyman, starting Beaver guard, was left in a Moscow hospital suffering from an infected foot. Bob Bergstrom made the trip home on crutches suffering from a sprained ankle.

When the Beavers returned to the Oregon State campus they received from students and townspeople the most enthusiastic and vociferous welcome tendered an athletic team in some time. The welcome was climaxed with a huge rally in the Men's gymnasium.

When all the rah! rah! died away, the Beavers had to get their minds set on meeting the University of Oregon in their final conference game of the year.

The Beavers went into the contest minus the services of their

two regular guards, Bob Bergstrom and Mose Lyman, who were still suffering from ailments received on the Inland Empire trip.

University of Oregon 29 -- O.S.C. 28, Eugene, Oregon, March 2, 1935.

Dead-eye shooting from the foul line enabled the University of Oregon to score its first victory of the season over the Beavers. Converting 13 out of 23 free throws by the Ducks, although out-scored from the floor, managed to eke out their victory. Hibbard and Palmberg scored six and seven points respectively.

Pacific Coast Conference Championship Playoff.

With their Northern Division championship tucked away, the Beavers started preparing themselves for larger stakes, namely the Pacific Coast Conference Championship. In order to gain this honor they would have to defeat the strong University of Southern California quintet, winner of the southern division championship. The Trojans featured such great stars as Lee "Rubber Legs" Guttero, Ernie Holbrook, Jack Hupp, and "Barking Joe" Kelly.

University of Southern California 35 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, March 8, 1935.

Oregon State captured the first game of the title series by a 38-to-35 score. Although the Trojans scoring twins, Jack Hupp and Lee Guttero, scored 31 points between them, the Beavers battled to a great victory. With Hupp and Guttero accounting for 18 points the Trojans led at half time, 22-to-21. Using a man-to-man defense in

the first half the Beavers moved ahead to a 12-to-2 lead before Hupp and Guttero put together a scoring spree which eventually gave them their half-time lead.

Starting the second half Slats had his boys playing a zone defense which started to take its toll. Jack Hupp was held to a single field goal and two free throws while Guttero was making three field goals and a like number of free throws to complete the Southern California second half scoring. Although defense proved to be the turning point of the contest a driving Beaver offense, led by Wally Palmberg who made 15 points, kept the Orangemen ahead during most of the game. Wally made good on four field goals and seven free throws. Hibbard made four field goals and two free throws for ten points.

The Beavers were handicapped somewhat without the services of Bob Bergstrom who was still not completely recovered from a sprained ankle.

University of Southern California 36 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, March 9, 1935.

Brilliant Lee Guttero put his team back in the championship race as he led them to a 36-to-31 victory in the second game. Trailing the Beavers by three points going into the second half, the Trojans came back to tie the score after 10 minutes of the second half, and from that point on maintained leadership which at one time mounted to seven points. The score was tied four times in the first half and twice in the second period. With seven minutes to play, the Beavers cut the Trojan lead to two points only to have the Trojans come back and widen

their lead to seven points with three minutes left to play. Hibbard scored eight points, Hill and Lyman followed with seven and six points respectively.

University of Southern California 32 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, March 11, 1935.

A one-handed field goal by Ernie Holbrook, Trojan forward, with 15 seconds to play, gave the University of Southern California the Pacific Coast Conference championship as they defeated the Beavers, 32-to-31, in the final game of the two-out-of-three series. Comfortably ahead 18-to-14 at half time, the Trojans saw their advantage melt away before an Orange second half drive which put the Orangemen out in front 29-to-25 with three minutes to play. Palmberg fouled Jack Hupp with two minutes 50 seconds to go and was ushered from the game with his fourth foul while Hupp was converting the gift shot. A basket by Hupp with less than two minutes to play brought the Trojans within a point of tying the score, but Hub Tuttle scored a field goal to put the Orange ahead, 31-to-28. Hupp dropped in another with half a minute to go to put the Trojans within a point of tying the count and then turned the hero role over to Holbrook, who cast away one-handed to give the Trojans victory.

The game was rough and saw four players leave the game. They were Eddie Oram, and Lee Guttero of Southern California; and Wally Palmberg and Earl Conkling of Oregon State.

Individual stars of the game and the series, as well, were Guttero and Hupp of Southern California; and Captain George Hibbard

and Wally Palmberg of Oregon State.

With the 1934-35 season completed, the experts started picking their all-star team. The coaches of the Northern Division conference team picked their all-star team which included three Beaver stars; George Hibbard and Wally Palmberg at guard and forward positions on the first team. Earl Conkling received honorable mention.

The all-coast all-star team included George Hibbard on the first five and Wally Palmberg on the second team. Mose Lyman received honorable mention.

Captain George Hibbard and Wally Palmberg led the Beavers in the scoring column throughout the conference season and ended up with 113 points apiece. In the playoffs George and Wally again led their teammates as they scored 26 and 25 points respectively.

Earl Conkling showed the most aggressiveness and drew the attentions of officials to such an extent that he was chalked up with 49 personal fouls for the conference season, and an average of three and one-sixteenth a game.

The following named men received their varsity basketball awards; Bob Bergstrom, Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, George Hibbard, Fred Hill, Richard "Mose" Lyman, Wally Palmberg, Hub Tuttle, Wilbur Kidder, Art Merryman, and Merle Taylor. Lewis Reicher received the manager's award.

## 1935-36 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Among the 40 candidates who reported to Slat Gill for the basketball season of 1935-36 there were seven lettermen; Wally Palmberg, Art Merryman, Bob Bergstrom, Hub Tuttle, Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, and Wilbur Kidder. Prominent among the reserves expected back were Jay Hollingsworth, Chet Kebbe, and Hollis Dellinger. Howard Lyman, Ike Wintermute, and Nello Vanelli were the most likely to make a contribution from the previous year's Rook team.

Slat's big problem was to find men capable of replacing Captain George Hibbard, Richard "Mose" Lyman and Merle Taylor who were lost to the Beavers through graduation. "I don't see how we can be as strong as we were last season" (14, p.6) was the statement made by Gill when questioned on his team's chances in this year's conference race.

With two weeks remaining before the Beavers' first game, Gill reduced his varsity squad to 17 men. Besides the seven lettermen mentioned above, the following named men made up the squad; Ken Deming, Jay Hollingsworth, Hollis Dellinger, Chet Kebbe, Elden Bailey, Jack Hakala, Elmer Kolberg, Nello Vanelli, Howard Lyman, and Ike Wintermute.

As the Beavers' first game loomed up Slat Gill had decided on the following men to make up his starting combination; Palmberg and Tuttle, forwards; Conkling, center; Folen and Bergstrom, guards. This group and the following named players made up the traveling squad to Portland for the Beavers' first encounter of the new season; Kidder, Merryman, Kebbe, Hollingsworth, Lyman, and Wintermute.

Union Oil 32 -- O.S.C. 35, Portland, Oregon, December 20, 1935.

The Northern Division champions opened the 1935-36 season with a victory over the Union Oil quintet of Portland. In the first half the Beavers were held to one field goal but their accuracy at the foul line enabled them to stay within reach of the Oilers as they trailed by only four points, 18-to-14. With three minutes of the second half gone, the Beavers finally took the lead and held it until the Oilers tied the score at 29 with seven minutes to play. Palmberg and Folen led the Beaver scorers with 14 and 9 points respectively.

Willamette University 29 -- O.S.C. 30, Salem, Oregon, December 21, 1935.

Slats Gill's quintet won their second contest of the young season as they defeated Willamette University at Salem. Behind the Orangemen, 20-to-16 at half time, the Willamette Bearcats outplayed the Beavers in the second half, scoring 13 points to the 10 garnered by the Orangemen. For the Beavers it was Palmberg and Tuttle who led the way with 8 points apiece.

Multnomah Club 19 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon, December 23, 1935.

The Beavers' next encounter opened the home season and they did it in a very convincing manner as they defeated the Multnomah Club of Portland. With the Beavers leading 16-to-4 at half time and holding the Clubmen to no field goals in the first half and through seven minutes of the second half, they romped on to an easy victory. Palmberg again led all Beavers in the scoring department with 10 points. Folen missed the contest due to a flu attack and was replaced by Howard Lyman

who turned in a creditable performance.

Union Oil 27 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon, December 27, 1935.

The Beavers' next outing was a disappointment as they dropped their first contest of the infant season to Union Oil of Portland. Each team had difficulty in hitting from the floor as the half time score of 9-to-9 indicates. Palmberg, who had led the Beavers in the scoring column in the previous outings, could not find the range and it seemed as if the teammates all followed suit. During the second half the lead changed hands several times until with nine minutes left to play, the Oilers went ahead on Hibbard's free throw and were never again headed. Leading the Beavers in scoring were Conkling and Tuttle with six points each.

Union Oil 25 -- O.S.C. 36, Corvallis, Oregon, December 28, 1935.

With Wally Palmberg leading the way and not letting their defeat of the previous night bother them, the Beavers completely overwhelmed the Oilmen and defeated them 36-to-25. The victory also gave the Beavers the odd game of the three-game series. Palmberg completely dominated the game as he went wild, amassing a total of 17 points before he was ejected from the game with four personal fouls after 12 minutes of the second half had elapsed. Wally's 17 points came from seven field goals and three free throws.

The game was played under the California rule, which eliminated the tip-off except at the beginning of the two periods.

University of Southern California 40 -- O.S.C. 45, Los Angeles, California, January 2, 1936.

With a record of four wins in five games the Orangemen started making plans for their invasion of Southern California for two games with the University of Southern California. Ten basketeers, accompanied by Coach Gill and the student manager, Ray Stickler, left for Los Angeles with hopes of revenging their heart-breaking loss to U.S.C. in last season's play-off series. Players making the trip were Wally Palmberg, Hub Tuttle, Earl Conkling, Bob Bergstrom, Cliff Folen, Art Merryman, Wilbur Kidder, Ike Wintermute, Chet Kegge, and Howard Lyman. The Orangemen stopped over in San Francisco for a work-out. Arrangements were also made for the group to attend the Rose Bowl football game between Stanford and Southern Methodist on New Year's Day.

Oregon State fast-breaking Beavers shaded the University of Southern California in an overtime game, winning 45-to-40 at the Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles. After trailing 21-to-17 at half, the Trojans began hitting the basket in the second period and ran up a four-point lead with less than two minutes left to play. Hub Tuttle and Cliff Folen sank quick baskets to tie the score 39-to-39 as the game ended. During the overtime period the Trojans took a one-point lead on Bob Dale's free throw, but Earl Conkling made his only field goal seconds later to put the Beavers ahead. Hub Tuttle and Wally Palmberg clinched the game when both hit from the floor.

Tuttle and Palmberg scored 15 and 14 points respectively. Cliff Folen scored 11.

University of Southern California 50 -- O.S.C. 36, Los Angeles, California, January 3, 1936.

Never headed after the first six minutes of play, the Trojans handily defeated the Beavers 50-to-36 using the Southern Conference rule of no center jump except at the start of each period. The game was spoiled by 41 personal fouls. Southern California's powerful squad could not miss the basket, while the Beavers bogged down on their offensive, tallying most of the scores from the foul line. Hub Tuttle again led the Beavers in the scoring column with 14 points. The Beavers lost Wally Palmberg and Earl Conkling on personal fouls.

The Beavers completed their preseason schedule with five wins and a two lost record. In scoring the Orangemen were led by Palmberg with a total of 71 points. Next in line came Tuttle with 58, Folen with 27, Conkling, 24; Kidder, 23; and Bergstrom with 12.

#### Conference Games.

Oregon State's 1935-36 Northern Division basketball season got under way against the University of Idaho in a two-game series at Corvallis. The Vandals came to Corvallis with a very impressive preseason record in which they had won eight-out-of-nine games played. Gill planned to open with Palmberg and Tuttle, forwards; Conkling, center; and Folen and Lyman, guards. The Beavers were without the services of Art Merryman who was being treated for a leg injury.

University of Idaho 24 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, January 10, 1936.

Neither team displayed a consistent attack on offense. After a jolting first half which ended with the Beavers leading 12-to-8, Idaho tied the score at 12-all after two minutes of the first half. From this point on, Folen led his team to victory as he hit for four quick field goals which gave the Orangemen a commanding lead. With 10 points, Folen led the Beavers in scoring. Next came Palmberg and Conkling with 6 and 5 points respectively.

University of Idaho 19 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon, January 11, 1936.

The Beavers made it two straight over the Idaho Vandals and displayed a great improvement over the night before as they held Idaho to one field goal in the first half while finding the hoop seven times, in addition to scoring six times from the foul line. The halftime score favored the Beavers 20-to-8. In the second half the Beavers began piling up points so fast that Gill rushed in substitutes in order to give as many men as possible a work-out. Palmberg led the Orange five with a great scoring exhibition with 19 points. Tuttle scored 11, Conkling 7 and Bergstrom 6 points.

University of Oregon 29 -- O.S.C. 27, Eugene, Oregon, January 17, 1936.

With two victories under their belts it came time for the Beavers to set their sights on their arch rival, the University of Oregon. This was to be the first encounter of the two rivals and the

Webfoots were made the favorites due mostly to their height advantage. Slat's pronounced his team ready and planned to start his veteran combination of Palmberg, Tuttle, Conkling, Folen, and Bergstrom.

With a terrific spurt in the last four minutes of a riotous basketball game, the Oregon Webfoots emerged victorious, 29-to-27. The struggle was witnessed by 7,514 spectators, largest crowd ever to see a game at McArthur Court. It saw a smooth State aggregation, conscious of its defending championship, easily and effectively pierce a shaken Webfoot team in the first half to assume a 17-to-14 lead at the intermission.

As the second half opened the Beavers continued with success until with four minutes left, the Ducks tied the score at 26. The Beavers' only score from this point on was a free throw by Cliff Folen. The high-point man of the game was the Beaver, Cliff Folen, who had some inspired moments in both halves. The Oregon Staters' only other consistent scorer was Wally Palmberg who came through with eight points. Bergstrom and Conkling were ejected from the contest on personal fouls. With three games under his belt, Wally Palmberg ranked second in the race for the Northern Division individual scoring leadership. He had a total of 33 points.

The Beavers' next series was against Washington State and the University of Idaho on the famed Inland Empire trip. To stay in the conference race, Oregon State could not afford to do worse than break even on this trip as the Orangemen already had lost one game in three starts. Players making the trip were Bob Bergstrom, Earl Conkling,

Cliff Folen, Jay Hollingsworth, Wilbur Kidder, Elmer Kolberg, Howard Lyman, Art Merryman, Wally Palmberg, Hub Tuttle, and Ike Wintermute.

Washington State College 26 -- O.S.C. 27, Pullman, Washington,  
January 21, 1936.

Oregon State still kept its title hopes much alive as they eked out a victory over the Cougars. The game was a nip-and-tuck battle throughout. The half ended with the score 14-to-14. Oregon State moved into a 25-to-21 lead in the closing minutes of play and began stalling to clinch their advantage. A desperate losing rush by the Cougars, however, nearly overtook the Beavers before the gun sounded. Palmberg led the Beaver attack with 13 points besides turning in a spectacular floor game. Tuttle and Folen contributed four and five points respectively.

Washington State College 32 -- O.S.C. 31, Pullman, Washington,  
January 22, 1936.

In their second meeting the Washington State Cougars fortified by a blistering first half attack which gave them a 13 point lead, defeated the Beavers 32-to-31. The Cougars built up a substantial 23-to-10 lead at half time. Then Conkling, Tuttle, Bergstrom, and Palmberg put on a spirited rally which shot them ahead 26-to-25. Washington State regained the lead and went ahead 29-to-26 only to have the Beavers fight back and tie the score again at 29-all with six minutes to go. From this point to the final gun the Cougars regained the lead and went on to their victory.

University of Idaho 21 -- O.S.C. 22, Moscow, Idaho, January 24, 1936.

The Beavers moved over to Moscow, Idaho, for their next two ball games. With two wins already recorded against the Vandals the Beavers made it a third as they defeated Idaho, 22-to-21. This was the third game in a row for the Beavers which was decided by one point.

The thrilling one-point victory for the Beavers was decided by Wally Palmberg's free throws, with 20 seconds to play. The game was hard fought and rough throughout with neither team ever more than two points ahead. Oregon State had a 12-to-11 advantage at half time. During the second half both teams battled throughout the half trying desperately to gain an advantage which was never gained until Wally Palmberg's free throw iced the contest and gave the Beavers their victory. Oregon State's scoring was led by Tuttle with eight points. Palmberg scored six points.

University of Idaho 32 -- O.S.C. 33, Moscow, Idaho, January 25, 1936.

Oregon State took its fourth straight game from the University of Idaho in their final meeting of the year again by a one-point margin. The Beavers led all the way in a game that was rougher and far less interesting than their nip-and-tuck affair of the night before. Oregon State had a 16-to-12 lead at half time. With Palmberg leading the way, the Beavers pulled ahead steadily during the second half. Palmberg led all scorers with 14 points on six field goals and two free throws. Other Beavers breaking into the scoring column were Tuttle with six points and Bergstrom with five points.

Oregon State ranked second in the conference standings with a

five-won and two-lost record as a result of their fine showing on the Inland Empire trip where they won three out of four games. Wally Palmberg took over the leadership of the individual scoring race of the Northern Division with a total of 72 points garnered in seven games. Palmberg made his total from 26 field goals and 20 free throws.

University of Washington 51 -- O.S.C. 33, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 2, 1936.

The Huskies, undefeated in the Northern Division play, were the opposition for the Beavers in their next series. All members of the Orange team, with the exception of Elmer Kolberg, returned from the Inland Empire trip in good condition. When the two teams met it was their 27th meeting of teams coached by Edmundsen and Slat Gill. Of the 26-games already played, Washington had won exactly 13 and Oregon State 13. The high-scoring Huskies continued their undefeated march to the Northern Division championship at the expense of the Beavers, 51-to-33. The Orangemen employed a zone defense but it was in vain as they couldn't stop the sharp-shooting Huskies. Two Washington forwards, Ed Loverich and Chuck Wagner, scored 18 and 16 points respectively. Washington led at half time 28-to-18. Oregon State had the lead only at one time during the game and that was on Wally Palmberg's two free throws in the first minute of play. The second half saw the Huskies maintaining their supremacy and the closest the Beavers came was five points.

Palmberg was the only Orangeman who could find the hoop as he scored 15 points.

University of Washington 35 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 3, 1936.

In the second meeting of the two clubs the Huskies came through with their eighth straight win in conference play. They had to overcome a 20-to-10 half time lead in order to nose out the Beavers in the final two minutes of play. This virtually eliminated the Beavers from the Northern Division championship honors. Midway in the second half the Huskies started catching up to the Beavers and it was mainly through the efforts of a substitute guard, Hunt Patterson.

The scoring for the Beavers was done by Palmberg with nine points, Folen 8, Tuttle 6, Conkling 6, and Bergstrom 2.

With nine games played, Wally Palmberg still held the individual scoring lead with a total of 96 points. His average per game was 10.6 points.

With two disappointing performances against the University of Washington tucked away and forgotten, the Beavers looked forward to their coming game against the University of Oregon. This was a crucial contest for both fives as a loss would eliminate either team from any chance in the championship race. The Beavers were anxious to gain revenge for their first meeting defeat at the hands of the Webfoots.

University of Oregon 23 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, February 8,  
1936.

Oregon State evened the Civil War series at one-all with a convincing 49-to-23 victory over the towering Webfoots. It looked as if Howard Hobson's athletes would make it two in a row over the defending

champs when they took a 4-to-1 lead in the opening minutes, but the Ducks went for five minutes without a single point, never to lead again. The Beavers clicked beautifully in the first half as they scored at will and led 30-to-9 at half time. During the second half the Beavers coasted to victory while using mostly reserves.

Wally Palmberg bettered his average with 15 points, seven of which came from free throws and four field goals. Other scorers for the Beavers were Tuttle, Conkling, Bergstrom, and Folen.

Washington State College 26 -- O.S.C. 33, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 14, 1936.

Still feeling jubilant over their victory against Oregon, the Beavers started planning for the invasion of the Cougars. Even-up in their initial series played earlier in the season the Beavers and Cougars were both hoping for a twin win in order to win the series. The Beavers protected their theoretical chance of overtaking Washington's Huskies for the Northern Division championship with a 33-to-26 victory over Washington State. Oregon State got off in front, but after three minutes the score stood at a 3-to-3 tie. Conkling's free throw put the Beavers ahead and maintained it to the finish. At half time the Beavers led, 17-to-12. The second half saw the Cougars come to life and with six minutes left to play, close the gap to 28-to-25 but could not muster the scoring punch to carry them ahead of the Orangemen.

Palmberg again led the Beavers and still maintained his leadership in the scoring roll and also the chance of breaking Bob Galer's

all-time Northern Division record total of 176 points. He scored 11 points on two field goals and seven free throws.

Washington State College 26 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, February 15, 1936.

Another victory, the Orangemen's third over the Cougars this season, enabled the Beavers to hold onto their slim chance of repeating in the divisional race. The contest started out with both teams shooting wildly. The first half ended with the Cougars holding a two-point lead. Palmberg scored but two points in the first half but in the second half he went wild and registered 13 points. As soon as Palmberg found the range, his teammates did likewise. The Beavers scored 25 points in the second half. Tuttle and Folen added 8 and 10 points to the Beaver total.

Leading the league with 137 points, Palmberg was only 40 points shy of a new Northern Division Pacific Coast Conference scoring record. By collecting an average of 10 points in each of the four remaining games on the Beaver schedule he could break the record.

University of Oregon 26 -- O.S.C. 28, Eugene, Oregon, February 22, 1936.

The third meeting between the Ducks and the Beavers resulted in a close victory for the Orangemen. The Beaver quintet after picking up an eight-point lead in the first half had to rally to score its victory over the Webfooters. Oregon State led, 16-to-8, at halftime. Shortly after the second half opened, Oregon spurted to such heights that in the closing moments of the half the score was tied twice at 19-all and

21-all. The Ducks moved ahead at 22-to-21 only to have Cliff Folen save the day with a mid-floor howitzer which put the Beavers ahead 23-to-22. From there on the Beavers regained their momentarily shaken poise and though hard pressed at all times by the hungry Ducks, kept in front to the end.

Palmberg scored 10 points, which was exactly the number he needed to keep up with Bob Galer's 1937 scoring record of 176. Other Beavers who helped in scoring were; Conkling with seven points, Cliff Folen with nine, and Kebbe with two free throws.

University of Oregon 29 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, February 28, 1936.

Hopes for another Northern Division championship were kindled anew when the Beavers defeated the Ducks. The Orange victory closed the home conference season and clinched the annual series with the Webfooters, 3-to-1.

The concluding classic with the Webfoots started slowly, each team scoring only four points in the first eight minutes. Then both teams gathered speed with the Staters climbing ahead gradually. In the second half the Orangemen increased their lead and with five minutes left to play they held a 33-to-18 advantage. At this point the Ducks spurted and scored 11 points while the Beavers were collecting only two, but the belated Oregon rally fell short. Palmberg scored 14 points for high honor and mounting his own scoring total to 161 points, only 15 points behind the conference record of 176.

With the last two games of the season coming up and the chance to hold on to their Northern Division championship, the Beavers went into their last week of practice with great determination. The coming series with the Washington Huskies was very important to the Beavers as they had to win both games in order to hold their championship. The games were played in Seattle and the Beavers picked for the trip were; Bob Bergstrom, Wally Palmberg, Hub Tuttle, Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, Elmer Kolberg, Jay Hollingsworth, Wilbur Kidder, Art Merryman, Howard Lyman, Chet Kebbe, and Ike Wintermute.

University of Washington 39 -- O.S.C. 30, Seattle, Washington,  
March 6, 1936.

The Huskies became the 1936 basketball champions of the Northern Division by virtue of their 39-to-30 victory over the 1935 champions before about 10,000 frantic fans. The Huskies pulled away with a rush in the second half to clinch the game and title after it had been nip-and-tuck throughout the first half with each team taking the lead alternately.

The Husky victory was only half of the night's triumphs, however, for Wally Palmberg ran wild to score 19 points and establish a new Northern Division individual scoring record of 180 points, with still a game to go. The left-handed forward from Astoria was the only Beaver who could find the basket. He scored 13 points in the first half to remain only two points behind Bobby Galer's previous record of 176 points. When he finally broke the record he was given such a cheer by the great Washington crowd that the rafters rang.

Other Beavers to break into the scoring column were Bergstrom, Conkling, Tuttle and Kidder.

University of Washington 25 -- O.S.C. 19, Seattle, Washington,  
March 7, 1936.

The second game of the series the following night was anti-climax. Washington also won this one, and it closed the Northern Division play for each team. The victory also gave the Huskies a sweep of the four-game series. The two teams battled fairly much on even terms with Washington leading all the way and holding a 17-to-11 lead at half time. Coaches of both teams used substitutions rather freely. The one highlight of the game was that Wally Palmberg added seven more points to his record-breaking total of 180 points. His final total being 187 points. Other scorers for the Beavers were Wintermute, Merryman, Conkling, Bergstrom, and Folen.

A great tribute was paid Wally Palmberg by Hec Edmondson, Washington Husky coach, when he said, "Boy, you are the best player on the coast. You are the best basketball man I have ever seen. You are without a peer" (15, p.99).

#### Olympic Games Tryout.

With Oregon State basketball team the only entrant in the northwest district Olympic Games play-off tournament, the Orangemen automatically qualified for the Pacific Coast Olympic tryouts at Seattle.

The Orangemen prepared to compete with the University of Washington, Stanford University, and the University of Southern

California. The winner of the tournament at Seattle was to be sent to New York for the final Olympic tryouts in Madison Square Garden.

Following a ten-day rest period after the close of the Northern Division season, the Beavers started working for the coming tournament. Orangemen chosen by Slat Gill to make the trip to Seattle were; Art Merryman, Wally Palmberg, Bob Bergstrom, Hub Tuttle, Ike Wintermute, Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, Wilbur Kidder, Howard Lyman, and Jay Hollingsworth. The Beavers' first opponent was Stanford University, Pacific Coast Conference champions.

Stanford University 23 -- O.S.C. 33, Seattle, Washington, March 26, 1936.

The Oregon State Beavers, in an astonishing upset, ran up a score of 33-to-23 over Stanford, which only two weeks previously won the Pacific Coast Conference crown. Coach Gill dug deep into his bag of tricks and had the Indians baffled most of the route. A snail-like take-your-time ball control performance threw the Coast Champions off their stride at the outset. Even the sensational Hank Luisetti, Stanford's "point-a-minute-man," could not get going. Coming out for the second period on the long end of an 8-to-7 count, the Beavers shifted to a fast-breaking game with ill success. When the Indians pulled in front, 16-to-15, Oregon State promptly slid into low gear, reversed the lead and clung to it. The final 10 minutes saw the Staters add steadily to their margin.

Palmberg was high-point man with 13 points. Other Beavers scoring were; Merryman, Folen, Conkling, Bergstrom, and Tuttle.

This victory qualified the Beavers to play the University of Washington to see who would represent the Pacific Coast at Madison Square Garden.

University of Washington 35 -- O.S.C. 29, Seattle, Washington,  
March 27, 1936.

The University of Washington won the right to represent the Pacific Coast at Madison Square Garden in the final Olympic playoff by defeating Oregon State 35-to-29. The Huskies dominated the game throughout. They held a 17-to-10 half-time edge and at one point near the finish were ahead 32-to-18. Bob Egge, Washington guard, played a major role in the Beaver defeat. He held high-scoring Wally Palmberg to a meager four points on field goals. This feat was very instrumental in giving the Huskies their title. Palmberg and Folen tied for Oregon State scoring honors with six points. Both teams used numerous substitutes, playing 10 men each.

The Beaver season was a successful season as they ended the conference play in second place with a 10-win, 6-loss record. Their record in the Olympic Game trials was one-and-one. Nine Oregon State varsity basketball players were recommended to the Board of Control for letters by Coach Gill. Players recommended were Wally Palmberg, Art Merryman, Hub Tuttle, Earl Conkling, Wilbur Kidder, Cliff Folen, Bob Bergstrom, Howard Lyman, and Chet Kebbe. Palmberg, Kidder, Folen, and Bergstrom were seniors who had completed their college competition.

The following Beavers received all-star recognition on the

all-star team of the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference; Wally Palmberg made all first team selections; Earl Conkling, Cliff Folen, Bob Bergstrom, and Hub Tuttle all received votes for all-star selection.

Wally Palmberg also received a place on the first team All-Pacific Coast Conference team by unanimous vote. He was also selected on the All-American team, selected annually by the Converse Rubber Company.

## 1936-37 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Coach Slat's Gill's hopes of building another Northern Division contender depended a great deal on finding capable men to replace such stars as Wally Palmberg, Bob Bergstrom, Cliff Folen, and Wilbur Kidder. The biggest loss, without a doubt, was that of Wally Palmberg. Six lettermen returned to form the nucleus of the season's squad; Earl Conkling, two-year letterman, at the center spot; Hub Tuttle, Art Merryman and Ike Wintermute, forwards; Howard Lyman and Chet Kibbe, guards. Holdover reserves from last season included Nello Vanelli, Rudy Kappel, Jay Hollingsworth, Rod Hakala, Bud Wagner, and Elmer Kolberg. The best varsity prospects from last season's freshman squad included George Kuvallis, Clarke McCarthy, Bob Rissman, and Fred Soller. The only transfer was Mel Harris from Glendale, California.

Oregon Normal School 26 -- O.S.C. 44, Monmouth, Oregon, December 9, 1936.

For the Beaver opener against Oregon Normal, Coach Gill opened with Hub Tuttle and Art Merryman, forwards; Earl Conkling, center; Howard Lyman and Ike Wintermute, guards. After a 22-to-18 advantage at half time the Orangemen hit the basket with regularity in the second half. Art Merryman led all scorers with 10 points. He was followed by Hub Tuttle with 9 points and Ike Wintermute and Bob Rissman with six points each.

Wagner's All-Stars 38 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, December 11, 1936.

Wagner's All-Stars, a team made up of ex-Beaver basketeers and sponsored by John Wagner, the Corvallis restaurant owner. Half time score favored the Beavers 27-to-23. The Beavers were led by Howard Lyman who scored 13 points. Other important scorers for the Beavers were Earl Conkling, veteran center, with nine points and sophomore Bob Rissman with eight points. Wagner's were led by two ex-Beaver stars, Cliff Folen with 14 points and Jim "Mush" Torson with 10 points.

University of California at Los Angeles 40 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, December 18, 1936.

The Beavers' next outing was against the strong U.C.L.A. Bruins and was the most important contest on the preseason schedule. Although the Orangemen were victors in their opening clashes of the early season, Coach Slat's Gill appeared not the least pleased with his charges' work. Oregon State's cagers staged a brilliant second-half comeback but fell two points shy of overtaking U.C.L.A., as the galloping Bruins nosed out a 40-to-38 decision. The visitors started a scoring barrage early and had a 10-to-3 lead after five minutes of torrid play. Midway in the first period, which was played under Southern Division rules, minus the center jump, the Uclans had a commanding 15-to-5 lead. The Uclans moved on to a 24-to-13 lead at half time.

At the start of the second half, the Beavers handed the Bruins a dose of their own speed and scoring drive to draw within one point

of a tie midway through the half, 32-to-31. The Beavers failed to capture the lead when Earl Conkling missed a pair of gift shots and Howard Lyman missed one. A last-minute rally by the Beavers fell shy by two points of a tie again, when the Bruins captured the tip-off and stalled effectively until the final gun. Merryman and Rissman each scored 10 points.

Union Oil 27 -- O.S.C. 31, Portland, Oregon, December 22, 1936.

The Beavers' next encounter was in Portland against the strong Union Oil quintet. Players making the Portland trip were; Earl Conkling, Art Merryman, Hub Tuttle, Howard Lyman, Jay Hollingsworth, Chet Kebbe, Elmer Kolberg, Bud Wagner, Billy Meyer, Rudy Kappel, Nello Vanelli, Ike Wintermute, and Mel Harris. Manager Ray Stickler also made the trip.

Oregon State's Portland invasion was a successful one as they edged the Union Oil quintet 31-to-27. Steadier work on the free throw line gave the Beavers their victory. It was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way, with Rose City fans braving stormy elements to get their first look at "Slats" Gill's 1937 edition. Big Earl Conkling provided the scoring power that tipped the final count in favor of the Beavers. He scored four field goals and four free throws for a total of 12 points. The count was knotted six times during the course of the game with first one quintet and then the other forging into the lead. Union Oil overhauled the Beaver team in the game's early minutes to tie up things at five-all. Oregon State then came from behind on three

different occasions to knot the count, first 14-to-14, spurted again to even things up at 16-all at the half and then rallied to overhaul the Oilers at 19-to-17. The Oilmen came from behind to tie the contest at 23-all and at 25-to-25, but failed to halt the Beavers driving finish which produced the victory.

Multnomah Club 26 -- O.S.C. 37, Portland, Oregon, December 23, 1936.

Portland's independent basketball forces suffered their second setback as the Oregon State Beavers defeated the Multnomah Club 37-to-26 on the Winged "M" court. Once more it was big Earl Conkling as the lanky senior jumped for four field goals and three free throws for 11 points. Howard Lyman hung up four field goals to divide second scoring honors with Art Merryman.

With a four-won and one-loss record, the Beavers started preparing for the invasion of Southern Oregon Normal of Ashland. Coach Gill indicated reserves would be given plenty of chances to perform in the remaining games before conference play began. The Orange mentor was still far from pleased with the work first stringmen had turned in thus far. The tentative starting line-up for the Southern Oregon game was to be the same except for the addition of Elmer Kolberg as a starting guard.

Southern Oregon Normal 25 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, December 28, 1936.

Art Merryman scored a field goal from mid-floor in the final two minutes of play to give Oregon State a two-point victory over

Southern Oregon Normal. The Beavers trailed through the major part of the second half. The Teachers from Ashland were on the short end of a 17-to-15 score at half time. Southern Oregon worked up to a six-point lead after the rest period and then lost their star center, Handy, and that stopped the S.O.N.S. rally. Art Merryman scored 10 points.

Union Oil 31 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1936.

Union Oil rumbled Oregon State's basketball record sending the Beavers down to a 31-to-24 defeat. Officials tooted their whistles for 40 fouls in the rough, close-checking battle. Wally Palmberg, former Beaver star, dropped in 14 points for the Portlanders. Three field goals came in sharp succession just before he left the game on personals. Hub Tuttle, veteran Beaver forward, injured his ankle early in the contest.

Union Oil 21 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1937.

Ike Wintermute who moved into the starting line-up replacing injured Hub Tuttle, sparked the Beavers to a victory which gave the Beavers a 2-to-1 edge in the series. The Beavers started strong and held the Oilers without a field goal in the first 14 minutes. In the last six minutes of the half the Oilers came strong and gained an 11-to-8 advantage. Oregon State regained the advantage soon after the second period opened. The Oilers threatened again with eight minutes to go when Wally Palmberg brought the score up to 19-to-18. Merryman, Kolberg, and Conkling staged a scoring rally to wipe out the Oiler's

hopes of victory. Wintermute led the Beaver scoring with 10 points.

Union Oil 35 -- O.S.C. 29, Portland, Oregon, January 5, 1937.

In the fourth and final game against Union Oil, the Portland quintet forged into a safe lead in the closing minutes of the game, defeating Oregon State 35-to-29. The victory squared the annual series at two games apiece. Battling nip-and-tuck, the two teams tied seven times in the first half, which ended 18-to-18. The count was deadlocked twice more in the second half before the Oilmen finally acquired a safe margin. Leading the Beaver attack were Merryman, Wintermute, and Kolberg. They scored seven, six, and six points respectively.

Going into their final preseason game, the Beavers had a preseason record of six wins in nine games.

Willamette University 31 -- O.S.C. 28, Salem, Oregon, January 6, 1937.

Willamette University basketballers found one of their finest reasons for rejoicing in years when they came up with a 31-to-28 victory over the Beavers - the first such win since 1929. The Beavers drew ahead early in the game but could not hold the lead as the Bearcats forged ahead to 12-to-11 at half time. Willamette kept the lead thereafter, at one time sending it to six points. Wintermute and Kolberg each scored seven points. Earl Conkling scored six points.

The Orangemen completed their preseason schedule with a six-won and four-loss record. Art Merryman led the scorers with 65 points and was closely followed by Earl Conkling with 62 points. Howard Lyman

scored 42 points to capture third place. Others included Ike Wintermute with 40 points, Elmer Kolberg with 37, and Bob Rissman with 29 points.

With their next games being against conference opposition, Coach Slat Gill tagged his team an "if" club. "If we can muster enough offense to rate on near-even terms with the other teams, we may be able to stand them off with our defense," said Coach Gill (16, p.25).

Still pessimistic over the Beaver's prospects for another division flag this season, Slat had even more reason to appear glum when it was found Hub Tuttle would be unable to play in the opener because of a bad ankle.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 23 -- O.S.C. 20, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 11, 1937.

In a close-checking, feverously fought battle Washington State defeated the Beavers in the conference opener at Corvallis, 23-to-20. The Cougars led at half time 13-to-8. The Beavers missed shot after shot in the first half while the Cougars' Nelson led them to a four-point lead at half time. The game was one of the queerest games on record when Oregon State had but three field goals, yet was ahead 20-to-19, with less than two minutes to play. Electing to stall, the Beavers lost the ball immediately and the Cougars' Johnson sank a close-in shot to put his team ahead 21-to-20. With but a few

seconds remaining, the Cougars got another field goal which gave them their total of 23 points and victory. Hub Tuttle made an unexpected appearance and scored one of the Beavers' three field goals. The Beaver scoring was recorded mostly from the free-throw line with all players contributing points with the exception of Bob Rissman.

Washington State College 37 -- O.S.C. 32, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 12, 1937.

The Beavers managed to gain the lead only twice, once early in the game and again early in the second half when Art Merryman tied the score at 15-all and Hub Tuttle gave the Beavers a one-point lead. The Cougars immediately obliterated the Beaver advantage and went ahead to stay until the final gun. Washington State led at half time 14-to-13. The speedy Art Merryman, after a poor scoring first night, sparked the Beaver offense with four field goals and as many free tosses, for 12 points and top scoring honors. He was followed by Hub Tuttle with 6 points and Howard Lyman with 7 points. Many fouls were called as three Cougars and one Beaver were chased from the floor on personals.

University of Oregon 35 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, January 15,  
1937.

Although somewhat battered after their two-game series with the Cougars, the Beavers announced themselves prepared for the opening game of the annual four-game series against the University of Oregon. The Webfoots came from behind and won the exciting contest in the last five seconds of the game. The first half was so rough that,

although nobody got actually hurt, there were football tactics used and nearly everything else in the book. The half ended 21-to-16 in Oregon State's favor. In the second half the Oregon State boys advanced their lead to ten points at one time. With six minutes to go it stood 33-to-26 in State's favor. For the next five minutes and 55 seconds, Oregon State did not make a point, while the desperate Ducks, mostly on long shots, slowly closed the gap and with 17 seconds remaining tied the score at 33-to-33 on Urgel Wintermute's free throw. The remaining seconds of play were full of excitement and reached a climax when Bobby Anet fouled Oregon State's Hub Tuttle with just five seconds remaining. Hub's free toss was good and it looked like a Beaver victory with only seconds left to play, but as the ball dropped through the net, Dave Silver, Oregon forward, grabbed the ball as it left the net and leaped out of bounds. He touched it to the referee's hands to make the play legal, then all in one move, threw it down court to Oregon's John Lewis at the center line. Lewis, in turn, passed it on to Ken Purdy, who was just cutting for the right-hand corner. Purdy with a half-howitzer shot converted a 33-to-34 defeat into a 35-to-34 victory for Oregon.

Art Merryman had the biggest scoring night of his basketball career. He hit eight baskets out of 12 shots and converted five fouls for a grand total of 21 points. Art's departure on personal fouls during the second half hurt the Beavers a great deal. Other Beaver scoring was done by Hub Tuttle who had eight points, Earl Conkling with four points, and Elmer Kolberg with one.

It was the Orangemen's third loss in conference play.

After three straight conference defeats, first-string positions were at a premium as Slat Gill started making preparations for their invasion of the University of Washington. The Huskies held two victories over Idaho while the Beavers had lost two to W.S.C. and one to Oregon. Mel Harris, transfer candidate from Glendale, California, and Chet Kebbe, letterman reserve, made strong bids during the week.

Coach Gill announced ten men would make the trip to Seattle; Earl Conkling, Bob Rissman, Art Merryman, Hub Tuttle, Jay Hollingsworth, Ike Wintermute, Elmer Kolberg, Howard Lyman, Mal Harris, and Chet Kebbe.

University of Washington 37 -- O.S.C. 31, Seattle, Washington, January 22, 1937.

The Washington Huskies continued its unbeaten march in defense of the Northern Division championship with a 37-to-31 victory over the Beavers. The result left the Huskies more firmly in first place and Oregon State's Beavers deeper in the cellar.

Washington took the lead at the start and ran it up to 11-to-1 before the Beavers could get started. Hub Tuttle scored with two field goals to lead a rally which brought the Beavers within three points of the Huskies at half time, 20-to-17. At the start of the second half, the Huskies hiked up their lead seven points, 24-to-17, then Harris, Conkling, Tuttle, and Wintermute tied it at 24-to-24 on a string of field goals and free throws. It was the last time the Beavers rated

even. A minute later Washington went ahead on a free throw and maintained the lead throughout.

University of Washington 38 -- O.S.C. 28, Seattle, Washington,  
January 23, 1937.

The Beavers were virtually eliminated from the Northern Division basketball race as the Huskies made it two straight. It was Oregon State's fifth straight defeat of the conference season.

After a free throw in the first period put the Beavers ahead 1-to-0, Washington gained a commanding lead and kept its opponents safely trailing except in the middle of the second half, when the Beavers drew within one point, 25-to-26. In the last 10 minutes, Washington leveled a withering attack, scoring 12 points while the Beavers got but 3. Oregon State's scoring was spread between Tuttle, Wintermute, Merryman, Rissman, Conkling, Kolberg, Harris, and Lyman.

University of Washington 27 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 29, 1937.

The Beaver victory-hungry basketball team was primed to side-track the undefeated University of Washington Huskies when they met in Corvallis. Elmer Kolberg, giant guard and regular, reported for action after a two-day absence but was still not in top shape at the important series.

Oregon State broke into the win column with a stunning upset victory over the Washington Huskies, 28-to-27. The invaders,

charging, galloping attack was slowed to a walk by a tough Beaver zone defense and a slow-breaking offense, so that the half-time score stood at 13-to-10 in favor of Oregon State. Midway in the second half the Beavers had widened that lead to 24-to-12. In the last few minutes of the contest the Huskies' vaunted fast break came into its own and they ate rapidly at the Beavers' lead climbing to within three points of the Beavers at 28-to-25 with two minutes to go. With five seconds remaining in the game, Washington scored to make it 28-to-27 only to have the Beavers take the tip-off and hold the ball until the final gun. Oregon State's scoring was dominated by Tuttle with eight points, Merryman with seven, and Harris with five.

University of Washington 22 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 30, 1937.

The Beavers made it two straight over the Huskies but did not have to make a whirlwind finish to push Washington out of the division leadership. Paced by Merryman and Harris the Orangemen hung up a 14-point lead in the first half, the count being 21-to-7. In the second period the Beavers registered 19 points against 15 for Washington. The Huskies made but seven field goals and connected eight times from the foul line. Oregon State made 20 free throws. Merryman scored 14 points and Harris 11 points.

University of Oregon 44 -- O.S.C. 31, Eugene, Oregon, February 6, 1937.

Bent on evening their series with the University of Oregon and declared in tip-top shape by Slat Gill, the Beavers completed a

tedious week of preparation for their second game with the conference contending Ducks. Since the first contest of the series, the Orangemen had risen considerably and entered the contest on near-even terms with the Ducks.

Jumping into the lead after five minutes of play, the Oregon quintet scored its second victory over the Beavers 44-to-31. Half-time score favored the winners 24-to-18. Tuttle, Beaver high-point man, scored six field goals and five free throws for a total of 17 points. Oregon employed their fast-breaking offense and a tight zone defense which bothered the Beaver attack considerably.

University of Idaho 17 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, February 15, 1937.

Rejuvenated after a week of hard-earned rest, the Beavers opened the second half of its Northern Division campaign with a two-game series against the University of Idaho. The Orange-Vandal series had a direct bearing on the cellar championship, inasmuch as the two teams rated fourth and fifth in the conference standings. The only victories counted by the Orangemen in their first eight games were two wins over the strong Washington Huskies. Oregon State strengthened its hold on fourth place with a convincing 42-to-17 victory over the Vandals. The Orangemen opened their scoring early, totaling a 10-to-2 advantage in the first five minutes. Hub Tuttle sparked the first half attack with 11 points, gained from five field goals and one free throw. The Orange worked up to a very strong 24-to-7 lead at intermission.

Again in the second half the Beavers maintained their onslaught and with five minutes gone they held a 30-to-10 lead. During this half the Beavers were led by Ike Wintermute who came through with nine points. Slat Gill used reserves much of the second half.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 23, Corvallis, Oregon, February 16, 1937.

Irate over their humiliating defeat in their first game against the Beavers, the Vandals came back to upset the Orangemen 30-to-23 to even their series at one game apiece. Idaho took an early 3-to-0 lead, which was tied at four-all before the Beavers went into the fore, where they remained until midway in the first half. The Vandals tied the score again at 12-all and were never headed from there out. The Vandals led 18-to-15 at half time.

So effective was the Vandal defense that Oregon State failed to score in the first eight minutes of the second half, while Idaho ran up a 22-to-15 advantage and eventually their 30-to-23 victory. Although each team made nine field goals, Idaho converted 12 free throws out of 16 attempts, while the Staters with only seven chances on six fouls, converted five free throws. Hub Tuttle was again high for the Beavers as he scored seven points. He was closely followed by Merryman and Conkling with five points. Mel Harris, Elmer Kolberg, and Howard Lyman also broke into the scoring column.

This defeat left the Beavers with a three-won, seven-loss record in conference play.

University of Oregon 33 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, February 20, 1937.

The Beavers' next outing was against the University of Oregon and it was the third meeting of the two old rivals. Oregon State was out for revenge as Oregon held a two-win margin, but the Beavers failed in their attempt to defeat Oregon. Both teams used a zone defense and Oregon's turned out to be the most effective as they held the Beavers to a single field goal in the first half and five all told, against Oregon's 12. Oregon took a 15-to-10 lead in the opening half. With ten minutes of the second half gone it was 31-to-17 in favor of the Webfoots. Just when it looked as if the Eugene crew had it fairly well on ice, the Beavers cut loose with a belated rally. They scored nine points in the next six minutes and meanwhile, Oregon went scoreless. This brought the count to 31-to-26, Oregon, with two minutes to go. "Laddie" Gale came through with a basket in the last minute to sew it up for the Ducks. The Beavers were led by Art Merryman who scored 10 points on two field goals and six free throws. Tuttle scored six points. Others scoring for the Beavers were Conkling, Harris, Lyman, and Kolberg.

University of Oregon 35 -- O.S.C. 31, Eugene, Oregon, February 26, 1937.

The Ducks made it four straight over the Beavers in a sensational and bitterly fought contest. After jumping into an early lead, Oregon fell behind when Chet Kebbe, Oregon State guard, scored eight successive points to give his team a 12-to-8 lead that it never

relinquished until late in the final period. The half-time score favored O.S.C. 18-to-14.

Trailing 19-to-25 and but 12 minutes to play, Howard Hobson, Oregon coach, sent Wally Johansen into the fray and the Oregon attack began to function in high gear. Johansen swished a long shot from near mid-court and Laddy Gale, Oregon forward, followed with a cripple to close the gap to 23-to-25. At this point, Howard Lyman, Beaver guard, converted a free toss, but Wintermute, Oregon center, followed with a cripple closing the margin at 25-to-26. Hub Tuttle sank another basket for the Beavers but Johansen dropped one in from the side and John Lewis, Oregon captain, converted a foul to tie up the score at 28-all. Kolberg placed the Beavers in the lead again with a free throw only to have Oregon come back with three quick baskets, and one desperate long shot by Beaver Art Merryman ended the scoring.

This was the first time in history that the University of Oregon had defeated O.S.C. four straight.

The Beavers were led by Kebbe with 10 points and Merryman with six and Kolberg seven. Tuttle and Conkling also scored.

With a record of three wins and nine losses, the Beavers entrained for Moscow, Idaho, where they opened their annual invasion of the Inland Empire. Coach Slat Gill named the following ten men to make the trip; Earl Conkling, Hub Tuttle, Art Merryman, Elmer Kolberg, Chet Kebbe, Bob Rissman, Howard Lyman, Mal Harris, Ike Wintermute, and Nello Vanelli.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 34, Moscow, Idaho, March 2, 1937

The Beavers put on a second-half scoring drive to down the Vandals. The victory clinched fourth place in the Northern Division race for the Beavers. The first half was slow, both teams playing safe. Idaho was ahead 14-to-10 at the end of the first half. Oregon State put on the pressure when they came back, running up 18 points while the Vandals gained only five points. This great spurt gave the Beavers a 10 point lead at 28-to-18. From this point on, the Beavers were able to ward off numerous Vandal rallies for their victory. Tuttle and Kolberg scored ten and seven points respectively. Others scoring field goals were Vanelli, Conkling, Rissman and Harris.

University of Idaho 23 -- O.S.C. 28, Moscow, Idaho, March 3, 1937.

In the final meeting of the year for the two teams, Oregon State came out with a 28-to-23 victory and a three-to-one edge in the four-game series. The Beavers led 14-to-12 at half time and continued to build up their margin in the final half. Only once in the second half did the Vandals go ahead after the score being tied four times. With three minutes to go and the score tied at 23-all, Mal Harris and Earl Conkling dropped in two field goals to give the Beavers their victory. Elmer Kolberg added a free throw for good measure. Beaver scorers were Kolberg with eight points, Harris with seven, Tuttle with two, Vanelli with four, and Conkling with six.

Washington State College 22 -- O.S.C. 17, Pullman, Washington, March 5, 1937.

The Beavers moved over to Pullman, Washington to play their last two games of the season against the Cougars. Washington State proved an unpopular host as they defeated the traveling Beavers 22-to-17 in a slow contest. The Cougars took the lead at the opening of the game and ran up eight points before the Beavers broke the ice. Washington State led throughout the game. The score at the half was 13-to-5.

Harris led the Beaver scoring with seven points. Other Beaver scorers were Tuttle, two; Vanelli, four; and Merryman, four.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 23, Pullman, Washington,  
March 6, 1937.

The Beavers' final outing of the year was a disappointing one as they went down to defeat at the hands of the Cougars. A spectacular second-half scoring spree spurred the Cougars to victory after trailing 14-to-12 at half time. The victory gave the Cougars a tie for first place in the Northern Division race along with the University of Washington and the University of Oregon. The Beaver scoring was led by Tuttle who scored seven points. Other scorers were Merryman, Conkling, Kebbe, Kolberg, Harris, and Lyman. Rissman missed the contest due to a sprained ankle which he received in the encounter the night before.

The defeat left the Beavers with a five-won and eleven-loss record for conference play. Oregon State ended up with a season record of 11 wins and 15 losses.

Three members of the Beaver varsity completed their college

careers; Earl Conkling, center; Art Merryman and Hub Tuttle, forwards.

Varsity basketball awards were given to; Earl Conkling, Mal Harris, Chet Kebbe, Elmer Kolberg, Howard Lyman, Art Merryman, Bob Rissman, Hub Tuttle, Nelo Vanelli, and Ike Wintermute. Ray Strickler received the manager's award.

In northern division all-star selections, Oregon State was represented by Hub Tuttle who received a berth on the second team and Earl Conkling and Art Merryman were placed on the third team. The Beavers' individual scoring leadership went to Hub Tuttle with a total of 116 points and was followed by Art Merryman with 99, Mal Harris with 59, Earl Conkling with 57, and Elmer Kolberg with 54.

## 1937-38 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

After a lapse of nearly eight years, the University of Montana was readmitted to the Northern Division, Pacific Coast Conference basketball league.

The 1937-38 season opened with 35 aspirants turning out for Slat's Gill's varsity. Daily workout and an extended preseason campaign, one of the longest in Orange history, was mapped out for the Beaver machine.

Four lettermen were among those who answered the call, but only one of these was a regular during the 1936-37 season. Mal Harris, junior college transfer, who played his season for the Beavers during 1936-37 was the only regular to report. Chet Kebbe, Bob Rissman, and Nello Vanelli were the other letter winners. Other outstanding candidates included; Merle Kruger, Ray Pflugrad, Stu Warren, Frank Mandic, Chuck Klein, Bill Meyer, Fred and Al Sandoz, Alex Hunter, and transfers Tony Romano and Bill Stidham.

Multnomah Athletic Club 26 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, December 3, 1937.

The Multnomah Athletic Club with its array of basketball talent, which included several outstanding ex-collegiate stars, and the strong Portland University Pilots provided the opening opposition for the Beavers. With the coming of the opening contests Slat's Gill planned to open with Merle Kruger and Alex Hunter at forwards, Tony Romano at

center, and Frank Mandic and veteran Mal Harris at guards. This line-up consisted of four sophomores and one junior.

The Beavers ran up against a band of ex-Oregon Staters which included Art Merryman, Cliff Folen, Merle Taylor, and Jay Hollingsworth, all wearing the colors of the Multnomah Athletic Club. Despite anticipated raggedness, Oregon State's sophomore basketball team managed to nose out the Multnomah Athletic Club 28-to-26 in the initial hoop contest of the pre-conference campaign. Nello Vanelli paced the Beaver attack with six points. The Beavers came from behind late in the first period to knot the score, 15-to-15 at half time and managed to cling to a slim lead gained early in the second half to ultimately record the season's initial victory. Multnomah almost caught the Beavers late in the game when Art Merryman scored a field goal and Hal Eustis counted a free throw to cut the Orange margin to a single point, but Merle Kruger, one of Coach Slat's Gill's prize sophomores made good a foul shot with 17 seconds left to clinch victory for his mates. Approximately 1,000 fans in the Men's Gymnasium attended the opener.

Scorers besides Vanelli were; Kruger, Hunter, Romano, Mandic, Harris, Stidham, Rissman, and Kebbe.

University of Portland 18 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 4, 1937.

The visiting Pilots made good use of gift tosses in the first half to gain a half-time lead 14-to-13. Slat's Gill's chargers came back strong, piling up a decisive edge midway in the second stanza.

Diminutive Merle Kruger and big Frank Mandic teamed together in leading the Beavers to their second-half splurge and victory. Kruger led all scorers with 14 points and was closely followed by Mandic with 12 points.

University of California at Los Angeles 25 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon, December 9, 1937.

Oregon State's third victory of the 1937-38 season was against the U.C.L.A. Bruins. The game was a battle of sophomores as both teams were made up mostly of second-year men. U.C.L.A. was making an invasion of the Northwest and besides Oregon State they had games with the University of Oregon, University of Idaho, and Washington State College. The last meeting between O.S.C. and U.C.L.A. had been during the 1936-37 season and then U.C.L.A. was victorious 40-to-38.

Great defensive work and a scoring attack which flourished through the first half built up a decisive 39-to-25 victory for Oregon State over the Bruins. Alex Hunter and big Chet Kebbe, reserves for two years, paced the early Beaver attack with 10 points apiece and were largely responsible for the 20-to-7 edge held by the Beavers at half time. In the first period, 14 minutes were played before U.C.L.A. could break into the scoring column and that came about as the result of two foul shots. In the second half U.C.L.A. found the basket oftener but never at any time did Oregon State relinquish a long and comfortable lead.

Only three veterans, Kebbe, senior; Harris, junior; and Nello Vanelli, junior; played for the Beavers and then only part of the time.

The sophomores who bore the brunt of the playing were; Alex Hunter, Merle Kruger, Stu Warren, Roy Pflugrad, Tony Romano, and Frank Mandic.

Union Oil 34 -- O.S.C. 38, Portland, Oregon, December 11, 1937.

Oregon State's sophomores staged an uphill battle to overcome a strong Union Oil quintet in an overtime contest. Little Merle Kruger clinched victory for the youthful Beavers in the extra five-minute period with two fast field goals and a free throw while the visitors were able to record only one gift shot. The Oilers had a 15-to-10 advantage at intermission and with three minutes left in the contest, had strengthened their lead to 31-to-25. A quick rally sparked by Kruger and Romano gave the Beavers a tie at the end of the regulation contest. Kruger's great work during the overtime gave the Beavers their victory. Twenty-two fouls were called against the aggressive Orange sophomores. Hunter, Mandic and Mal Harris all went out with four personals each. Kruger set the scoring pace with a total of 13 points and was followed by Frank Mandic with 7 points.

The victory enabled the Beavers to extend their victory string to four.

With the four games under their belts the Beavers started making preparation for their first invasion of Portland as of the 1937-38 season.

Merle Kruger, sharp shooting sophomore forward, led the individual scoring parade with 39 points and Frank Mandic, aggressive sophomore teammate, ranked second with 26 tallies. Following in third and

fourth places were Chet Kebbe with 19 and Alex Hunter with 18 points.

Multnomah Athletic Club 28 -- O.S.C. 32, Portland, Oregon, December 18, 1937.

The Beavers' first invasion of Portland pitted them against the Multnomah Athletic Club for their second meeting of the season, and the University of California. In preparation for the contests Slat Gill spent much time scrimmaging with hopes of adding something to the Beaver scoring attack.

Oregon State registered its fifth victory in as many starts at the expense of the Multnomah Club 32-to-28. The victory was the second over the Clubmen in as many games. The game was hard fought with much whistle blowing. Three men in all went out on personal fouls and it was free throws that beat the Clubmen in the end. Each team ended with nine field goals, but the Beavers had a four-point edge from the foul line. Harris led the Beaver attack with eight points. Mandic and Pflugrad scored seven points apiece.

University of California 45 -- O.S.C. 34, Portland, Oregon, December 20, 1937.

The highly touted Bears ranked as a favorite to upset the championship Stanford Indians in the Southern Division pennant race and were expected to provide the major early season test on Coach Slat Gill's potentially strong Beavers. Slat Gill started Merle Kruger, Alex Hunter, Stu Warren, Frank Mandic, and Mal Harris against the Golden Bears. The Bears showed class in defeating the young Beavers

45-to-34. California rolled through, around, and over the Orange zone for their convincing victory. This was the Beavers' first defeat. The Orange, except for a few brief moments in the first half, were never within shooting distance of the Nibs Price quintet. Chet Carlisle, California center and captain, led his teammates to a comfortable 24-to-16 margin at half time.

As the second half opened Mal Harris, lone starting veteran for the Beavers, canned a field goal to bring the Orangemen within six points, but that was as close as the score ever got. The next Beaver basket didn't come until nine minutes later when Merle Kruger broke loose to cage another. By that time the Bears held a 29-to-20 lead.

The Beavers had trouble with their shots all night. They had fully as many open chances as the Bears, but were unable to make them good.

In scoring Merle Kruger led the Beavers with seven points and was followed by Alex Hunter with six points. Other Beavers scoring were; Vanelli, Pflugrad, Warren, Romano, Harris, and Mandic. The Beavers lost the services of Al Hunter late in the last half with a crippled knee after a bad spill.

With the Portland invasion completed, the Beavers left for LaGrande, Oregon and a meeting with Eastern Oregon Normal. From there they journeyed to Pendleton, Oregon and Walla Walla, Washington to get together with Whitman College of Walla Walla. Orange squad

members making the trip were; Al Kruger, Al Hunter, Frank Mandic, Tony Romano, Mal Harris, Roy Pflugrad, Nello Vanelli, Chet Kebbe, Stu Warren, Bob Rissman, Bill Stidham, and Bill Meyer.

Eastern Oregon Normal 27 -- O.S.C. 37, LaGrande, Oregon, December 21, 1937.

Trailing until the last ten minutes, the Beavers staged a desperate rally to defeat Eastern Oregon Normal. Gill changed combinations repeatedly and wore down the E.O.N.'s resistance. The Staters scored three from the floor in the final two minutes.

Warren and Kebbe each scored seven points. Harris scored six.

Whitman College 36 -- O.S.C. 38, Pendleton, Oregon, December 22, 1937.

In a see-saw battle Oregon State squeaked through with a victory in the closing seconds 38-to-36. Merle Kruger led all Beaver scorers with a total of 11 points.

Whitman College 27 -- O.S.C. 39, Walla Walla, Washington, December 23, 1937.

In the second meeting the Beavers had an easier time as they rode on to a 39-to-27 victory in a rough game. After leading at half time 19-to-16 the Beavers really went to work and with five minutes gone they had worked up to a 34-to-21 lead. The Beavers were again led by Kruger who scored 13 points. Other orange scorers were Hunter, Harris, Kebbe, Mandic, Pflugrad, and Warren. The Beaver record to date was eight wins and one loss.

The first encounter of the final week was to be against Wally Palmberg's Astoria All-Stars of Astoria, Oregon and then moved on to Portland for a second meeting with Portland University and a third meeting with the Multnomah A. C.

Astoria All-Stars 32 -- O.S.C. 35, Astoria, Oregon, December 27, 1937.

Oregon State had to come through with a desperate last half rally to overcome Wally Palmberg and his Astoria All-Stars 35-to-32. For most of the game it looked as if the All-Stars were going to bob up with a win over Slat Gill's Orangemen for they led until the midway point of the second half, but were greatly handicapped when Wally Palmberg had to leave the contest with four personal fouls. Three baskets by Hunter, two by Kruger, and six free throws by Roy Pflugrad in the last half gave the Beavers their margin of victory. Wally Palmberg led all scorers with 15 points while the Beaver scoring was led by Roy Pflugrad with 14 points.

Portland University 28 -- O.S.C. 34, Portland, Oregon, December 28, 1937.

Oregon State invaded Portland for the second time this season with a 34-to-28 victory over the fighting Portland University five. Out-sized and out-manned all the way the Pilots put up a determined fight to upset the favored Beavers. It was chiefly a battle of free throws as 38 fouls were called, nearly one a minute. Four players, three for Portland, and one for Oregon State, were ejected from the game on four personal fouls.

Kruger and Vanelli led the Beaver attack with nine and six points respectively. Other scorers for the Orangemen were Pflugrad six, Stidham one, Harris two, Mandic three, Warren four, Romano one, Hunter one, and Rissman one.

Multnomah Athletic Club 37 -- O.S.C. 35, Portland, Oregon, December 29, 1937.

A band of Oregon State alumni basketball players playing under the colors of the Multnomah Athletic Club, downed their undergraduate Oregon State rivals 37-to-35 in a hair-raising contest. For the clubmen, it was the first victory after a series of dishearteningly close defeats at the hands of the Beavers. It was little Art Merryman, member of the 1935-37 Beaver clubs who was the hero for the Winged-M as he scored with only a minute to play to tie the score at 35-to-35, and then scored two free throws on Nello Vanelli's personal foul to provide the winning margin. The winning points came with only 25 seconds to go.

The game opened with the Orange jumping into a four-point lead and holding the lead until two minutes before the end of the half when Carl Lenchitsky, ex-Beaver basketball player, entered the game and provided the spark to a scoring attack that tied the score at 16-to-16. Baskets by Merle Taylor, Art Merryman, and Jay Hollingsworth, all ex-Beavers, and one by Nello Vanelli, Beaver guard, made the half-time score 22-to-18 in favor of the Clubmen.

The second half turned into a see-saw affair and with five minutes left to play the Beavers held a 35-to-30 advantage. From that

point on Merryman took over and brought victory to the Clubmen.

The Beavers were led in scoring by Romano who connected for five field goals for 10 points. Kruger scored nine points, Vanelli six, and Mandic seven. The defeat of the Beavers was their second of the pre-season campaign.

Multnomah Athletic Club 42 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, January 1, 1938.

The Beavers gained a 3-to-1 edge in their four-game series with the Clubmen as they were victorious 47-to-42. In a see-saw contest Art Merryman again made it miserable on his alma mater as he kept the Clubmen in the contest with his accurate shooting until being ejected on fouls. Oregon State staged an uphill fight to knot the score, 38-to-38, with seven minutes left. Then a combination of three free throws and field goals by Tony Romano and Mal Harris made it 45-to-38 for the Orange. A late rally by the Clubmen failed to overcome the Orange advantages.

Hunter scored five field goals and one free throw for 11 points. Romano and Rissman followed with nine points each.

The Beaver preseason campaign ended with 11 victories and two defeats.

With the successful 13-game preseason campaign under their belts, the young Beavers started their final tune up for the coming opener of the Northern Division Conference race against Washington State's defending champions. Oregon State's position among the contenders was a question mark, but the un-looked for success of the Orange sophomores

could place them as another darkhorse prospect.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 41 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, January 4, 1938.

The first half saw the Beavers and Cougars battling back and fourth with Washington State gradually drawing away and gaining a 17-to-14 advantage. In the second half, Washington State went on and gained a good lead, but midway in the period free throws and a field goal by Merle Kruger closed the gap to two points. The Cougars, however, came back with quick baskets that decided the result. Forty personal fouls were called and three men, two from Washington State and one from Oregon State, went out on fouls.

The Beavers scoring were Kruger, Hunter, Romano, Mandic, Rissman, Pflugrad, Vanelli, Stidham, and Harris.

Washington State College 25 -- O.S.C. 21, Corvallis, Oregon, January 5, 1938.

The Cougars staged a brilliant second-half comeback to overcome the battling sophomores of Oregon State for their second straight victory 25-to-21. Slat Gill revamped his starting lineup, starting a trio of reserves and two sophomores in an effort to divide the series with the Northerners. The plan worked almost sensationallly in the first half. The best the Cougars could tally in the initial period was a lone seven points, trailing at intermission, 13-to-7.

During the second half Coach Jack Friel's men closed in and

finally knotted the score at 15-all after 12 minutes of torrid play. The Beavers could only score once in the first 14 minutes of play during the second half. After the score was tied again at 17-all by Al Hunter's long howitzer the Cougars broke the tie shortly and were never headed again. Only 22 personal fouls were called in this game as compared to the 40 called the night before. The defense of both clubs played havoc with high-scoring honors. High-point Beavers, Kebbe and Kruger, each scored five points.

University of Oregon 38 -- O.S.C. 32, Eugene, Oregon, January 14, 1938.

Oregon State's next opponent in conference play was the University of Oregon and it resumed a great traditional athletic rivalry. Oregon entertained the Beavers in the first game and the Beavers were the hosts the following night.

Coach Hobson's towering giants favorite of many experts to capture the 1938 championship was made a heavy favorite to win both games.

Slats spent most of his practice sessions, before the first game, in preparing his ball club for the defensive problems they would meet in the Oregon attack. He was silent as to the probable starting combination for the game and made this statement, "If I start the little fellows, they'll pass them dizzy over their heads, and if I start the big fellows, I don't know whether they can keep up with those speed-burning Oregons" (17, p.42).

The University of Oregon won its third straight conference victory as they defeated the Oregon State Beavers 38-to-32. This was

also the Ducks' 14th straight victory. Oregon's superior foul shooting proved to be the margin of victory. Although the Beavers scored 11 field goals to Oregon's 10, Hobson's men converted 18 free throws out of 21 attempts. The Beavers' slow-moving offense held Oregon to a standstill for the first eight minutes but at this point Ted Sarpola caged a pair of free throws to put the Ducks into a 6-to-4 lead. From there on they were never headed. The smallest margin was 33-to-31 midway in the second period. Half-time score was 19-to-12. The Beavers were led by Vanelli who scored 10 points. Pflugrad and Harris also stood out for the Orangemen.

University of Oregon 32 -- O.S.C. 36, Corvallis, Oregon, January 15, 1938.

The following night, with a record-breaking crowd of 3,700 fans jamming the Men's Gymnasium, the Beavers handed the Ducks their first defeat in 14 starts. As in the first meeting it was the free throws that finally decided the outcome. Each team collected 11 field goals but the Beavers caged 14 out of 21 free throws and the Ducks only 10 out of 17. The contest was rough, with ill feeling between players breaking out several times. A total of 33 fouls was called. A nip-and-tuck first half left the Beavers ahead 14-to-13 with Vanelli and Harris leading the way.

At the start of the second half the University of Oregon boomed to a 23-to-17 lead on a quick scoring spree led by Laddie Gale. At this point the Beavers went to work and on field goals by Kebbe and

Vanelli and foul shots by Harris, Pflugrad, and Romano, the Beavers regained the lead at 26-to-23. Laddie Gale sank a foul to reduce the lead to two but Mal Harris scored again. John Dick's long shot cut in to the lead but a free throw by Harris put the Beavers in front two points. Oregon never threatened after this as Pflugrad made three free throws and Harris another field goal.

The Beavers were led in scoring by Vanelli and Harris with 9 and 13 points respectively. Oregon lost John Dick, Bob Anet, and Wally Johansen via the foul route while the Beavers lost Tony Romano on personals.

University of Montana 36 -- O.S.C. 46, Corvallis, Oregon, January 18, 1938.

Oregon State won its second straight conference game as they defeated the Montana Grizzlies 46-to-36. The Orangemen quickly took a lead but the Montana team kept pace for the first five minutes only to fall behind again and seriously threatened to catch up. Free throws again were the margin of the Beaver victory as each team scored 15 field goals but the Beavers cashed in on 16 out of 24 free tosses and the Grizzlies made but 6 out of 19 tries. The Grizzlies played a wide open type of game with lots of freedom in shooting and running which resulted at times, in sloppy ball handling and shooting.

Oregon State's scoring was spread out through all participants and they were Vanelli, Pflugrad, Romano, Kebbe, Harris, Kruger, Stidham, Warren, Mandic, and Rissman.

University of Montana 31 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, January 19, 1938.

Oregon State moved into a third place tie with Washington State College as a result of their second straight win over the Grizzlies. Unable to break through the zone defense of the Beavers with any consistency, Montana depended greatly on the fine howitzer shooting of their two guards, Charlie Miller and Paul Chumrace. The Grizzlies were never ahead though the score was tied midway through the first half and the Grizzlies crawled to within two points of another tie five minutes after the second half started. Oregon State worked to a 23-to-19 advantage at half time mainly through the efforts of Roy Pflugrad as he led the Beavers' first half offensive with 11 points. The Beavers went ahead right from the start of the game on two quick baskets, one by Pflugrad and the other by Romano.

The second half saw Montana coming out playing the Beavers even until they came within two points of gaining a tie. This rally by the Grizzlies made the Orangemen come to life and they put the pressure on and were pulling away at the final gun. Merle Kruger led the final assault by scoring six points in the last four minutes. Pflugrad scored 14 points, Mandic 8, Kebbe 7, Kruger 6, and Romano 6.

Washington State College and the University of Idaho furnished the Beavers their next competition.

The Orangemen invaded Pullman, Washington for the first two encounters, then moved over to Moscow, Idaho for the other two-game series.

Washington State College 41 -- O.S.C. 39, Pullman, Washington,  
January 25, 1938.

Revenge was a major factor when the Beavers faced the Cougars, for the latter had trounced Coach Gill's proteges four times the previous year and had annexed both victories, 41-to-31 and 25-to-21, in the opening conference games of the 1938 campaign.

Slats announced that his starting lineup for the first Washington State encounter would be Roy Pflugrad and Nello Vanelli at forwards; Tony Romano would start at center, largely due to his powerful play on the backboards; Mal Harris and Chet Kebbe gained the starting guard assignments. In addition to the starting lineups, Coach Gill named Bill Stidham, Merle Kruger, Al Hunter, Frank Mandic, and Chuck Klein to make the trip.

The Cougars, Northern Division Pacific Coast Conference champions, defeated the Beavers in an overtime contest 41-to-39. With the game tied four times during the first half Oregon State finally worked themselves to a 16-to-14 lead at half time.

In the second half, the Cougars scored four quick points to move ahead only to have the Beavers come back and tie the score at 28-to-28 and then into a 30-to-29 lead. Again the Cougars forged ahead and opened the widest margin of the game 37-to-32, before the final Beaver spurt which was climaxed by Kruger's interception of a Washington State pass and his being fouled by co-captain Clyde Carlsen of Washington State. Kruger dropped the free throw which tied the score at 39-all and sent the game into overtime.

Near the end of the overtime period Carlsen emerged the "hero" when he scored with a long shot to give the Cougars their 41-to-39 victory. Oregon State's scoring was divided among all participants; Vanelli four points, Romano four, Kebbe six, Harris four, Kruger five, Pflugrad nine, and Stidham five points.

Washington State College 26 -- O.S.C. 25, Pullman, Washington, January 26, 1938.

A repeat performance of the previous night's encounter was enacted as Washington State defeated Oregon State 26-to-25 in an overtime contest which gave the Cougars a sweep of the four-game series. Again it was Captain "Corky" Carlsen who sent the Beavers down to their second straight defeat as he hit a field goal from the side. The Beavers shifted to a zone defense, slowing the game down considerably. They led at half time 14-to-10, but dropped behind near the end of the game when Washington State forged ahead 22-to-21 with a minute and a half to go. A field goal by Frank Mandic and a free throw put the Beavers back in the lead but two Washington State free throws knotted the score at 24-to-24 as the regular game ended.

Carlsen's overtime field goal came a minute after the extra period began. A free throw by Vanelli was the best the Beavers could do. The brunt of the Beaver scoring was done by Kebbe with eight points and Harris with seven.

University of Idaho 49 -- O.S.C. 24, Moscow, Idaho, January 28, 1938.

The Beavers ran into a red-hot Idaho basketball machine and went

down to third straight Inland Empire defeat, this time at the hands of the Vandals 49-to-24. Oregon State, down in the dumps, after their two heart breaking defeats at Pullman, Washington, couldn't find the basket with any kind of regularity.

Leading scorers among the Beavers were Vanelli, Stidham, and Kebbe with five points apiece.

University of Idaho 29 -- O.S.C. 26, Moscow, Idaho, January 29, 1938.

Coming from behind in the second period after they had been held in check by the Orangemen's zone defense, the Idaho Vandals trimmed the Beavers 29-to-26 for the second win on consecutive nights. The game started like a repetition of the previous night's walkaway with the Vandals taking a 7-to-3 lead in the first six minutes and then pushing it up to 9-to-4. With Tony Romano leading the way the Beaver zone defense started to click and in turn the Beaver offense started to roll and enable the Orangemen to gain a 14-to-11 lead at half time.

Almost all of the action of the game came in the last six minutes of play when the Idaho Vandals spurted from the short end of a 17-to-23 score, to take the lead 27-to-23 in the last two minutes and held it until the final gun.

The Beavers were led in scoring by Pflugrad, Mandic, Kebbe, and Romano with eight, six, five, and four points respectively.

With the four heartbreaking defeats still in their minds the Beavers started making preparation for another tough problem and this time it was to be the University of Washington and a two-game series

at Corvallis. Coach "Slats" Gill's big problem in getting his charges ready was, first of all, to get a starting lineup. After the disastrous Inland Empire trip all positions on the squad were wide open. After extensive work-outs Slats Gill decided on starting the following combination; Merle Kruger and Roy Pflugrad, forwards; Frank Mandic, center; and Mal Harris and Chet Kebbe, guards.

University of Washington 28 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 4, 1938.

The Beavers' rugged sophomores stopped the wild-running Huskies and came out with a convincing 43-to-28 victory. There never was a moment in the game in which Oregon State did not lead. The Orange team set the tempo at its own deliberate pace and kept it there all the way. The nearest the Huskies ever got was at half time when they were only two points behind after whittling down an earlier six point lead. Oregon State held a 14-to-12 lead at half time.

In the second half Kebbe tipped in a missed free throw of Kruger's in the first 30 seconds and re-established the Oregon State lead. The Beavers quickly worked to an 11-point bludge through the efforts of Mal Harris, Roy Pflugrad, and Merle Kruger. The score fluctuated from that down to as little as eight points as the Huskies rallied but never was less and the further it went the more pronounced became Oregon State's superiority. Harris was the game's high scorer with 14 points and was followed in the Beaver scoring by Pflugrad and Kebbe with eight points, Kruger with seven, and Mandic with six points.

University of Washington 27 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 5, 1938.

The second encounter found the Huskies coming from behind to defeat the Beavers 27-to-25 to split their two-game series. Oregon State flashed some of the form that enabled them to triumph the night before but in the second half Washington's defense tightened and stopped the Beaver offense cold. The Beavers led at half time 12-to-6. Each team scored 10 field goals and the margin of the Huskies' victory was decided at the free-throw line. They scored seven points on free throws to the Beavers' five. The Beaver scoring was handled mostly by two men, Mandic and Kebbe, who scored eight and nine points respectively.

Another road trip looked the Beavers in the eye as they started making preparations for an invasion of Missoula, Montana, and a two-game series with Montana University to be followed three nights later with a two-game series against the University of Washington at Seattle, Washington. Coach Gill named a twelve-man traveling squad which included Merle Kruger, Roy Pflugrad, Frank Mandic, Chet Kebbe, Tony Romano, Mal Harris, Chuck Klein, Stu Warren, Bill Stidham, Nello Vanelli, Al Sandoz, and Alex Hunter.

University of Montana 47 -- O.S.C. 57, Missoula, Montana, February 10,  
1938.

The Beavers led consistently during the second half, after Montana held a 20-to-16 lead at half time. Field goals by Montana's

Thompson and Lozetich tied the score at 43-all with two seconds left to play. In the overtime Tony Romano and Chet Kebbe led a powerful Beaver offense which rolled over the Montanans after they had lost five outstanding ball players on personal fouls. Oregon State's Beaver scoring was led by Roy Pflugrad who came through with 18 points and was followed with Harris' 11 points and Kebbe's 9 points.

University of Montana 28 -- O.S.C. 37, Missoula, Montana, February 11, 1938.

In the final contest of the four-game series Oregon State came through with its fourth straight victory over the Grizzlies. The Orangemen were led in their victory by Chet Kebbe as he contributed 14 points in a slow and shaggy contest. The Beavers were ahead at the half 20-to-13, and with a quick start at the beginning of the second half Oregon State extended their advantage. This burst was led by Mal Harris and Frank Mandic.

Chet Kebbe with his 14 points was the game's high scorer. In Beaver scoring Harris and Mandic came through with six points apiece.

With their two victories over Montana tucked away the Beaver sophomores set their sights on the University of Washington and their two-game series at Seattle. The two days between the two series were spent by the Beavers traveling by train between Missoula, Montana, and Seattle. The first meeting between Washington and Oregon State had resulted in a split of two games played at Corvallis.

University of Washington 37 -- O.S.C. 29, Seattle, Washington,  
February 14, 1938.

The strong University of Washington quintet still clung to a slim mathematical chance for a tie for the conference crown. A strong second-half offense carried the Huskies to victory. The teams were tied at the half, 16-all, and never more than three points separated them up to the rest period. Oregon State led but once, that briefly, at 15-to-12, in the first half. Each team got 13 field goals and Washington won at the foul line as they scored 11 points to the Beavers' three through the charity toss. Sandoz and Mandic led Beaver scoring with six points each. Other scorers were Hunter with one, Pflugrad four, Warren two, Kebbe four, and Romano two.

University of Washington 40 -- O.S.C. 30, Seattle, Washington,  
February 15, 1938.

The Washington basketball team made a clean sweep of their two-game series and gained a 3-to-1 advantage in the four-game series as they defeated the Beavers 40-to-30. Washington led at half time 26-to-17 and after the first ten minutes were in constant command. Both teams scored the same number of field goals, 14 apiece, but like the night before the Washingtonians were more deadly at the gift line. Washington connected 12 out of 14 attempted free throws while the Beavers converted only two out of 11 attempts. Pflugrad and Harris kept the Beavers in the running during the first ten minutes of the game but the Beavers could not keep pace with the running Huskies.

Pflugrad scored four field goals in five tries in the first half for eight points but was held to five points in the second half. His 13 points led all scorers. Harris scored seven points.

Oregon State's Beaver sophomores returned from Seattle and immediately started a short two days of drill for the invasion of the University of Idaho Vandals, who were tied with Washington State for the top position in the Northern Division ladder. The Beavers went into the series with a six won, ten loss record in conference play and a fifth place in conference standings.

University of Idaho 34 -- O.S.C. 32, Corvallis, Oregon, February 18, 1938.

Oregon State collapsed in the second half and enabled the Idaho Vandals to emerge victorious in their series opener. The Beavers led nearly the entire game and were ahead 24-to-12 at half time. Oregon State's apparently safe lead slowly dwindled in the second half under an avalanche of Idaho baskets and free throws until the Beavers led only 32-to-31 with 90 seconds left to play. Idaho's Kramer grabbed a pass and scored from midcourt and then added the final point after he was fouled by Chet Kebbe. It was another heartbreaking defeat for the Beavers.

Oregon State's scoring was done by Harris with seven, Pflugrad had five, Stidham seven, Mandic four, Kebbe seven, and Warren one.

University of Idaho 29 -- O.S.C. 22, Corvallis, Oregon, February 19, 1938.

The pennant-crazy Idaho kids made it two in a row over Oregon State. The Beavers made a battle of it and after a slow first half battled to a short-lived lead after the start of the second half but could not hold it as the Idaho Vandals were not to be denied. Pacing the Beaver attack was Mal Harris with 12 points. He accounted for five of the Beavers' eight field goals.

University of Oregon 40 -- O.S.C. 22, Eugene, Oregon, February 26, 1938.

Oregon State's final two games of the 1937-38 season were against the strong University of Oregon quintet who were resting in second place after their twin victory over the University of Idaho. Gill made drastic personnel changes during the week with hopes of finding a winning combination. His starting lineup against the Ducks consisted of "Prince" Ali Sandoz, and Mal Harris at forwards; Bill Stidham at center; and Chet Kebbe and Stu Warren at guards.

A howling crowd of 6,000 fans crammed McArthur Court and saw Oregon emerge victorious over Oregon State by the score of 40-to-22. The Beavers tried their best to slow down the charging Webfoots with a ball-control-game but Oregon wasn't to be denied. With Laddie Gale setting a blistering scoring pace, Oregon jumped to an early lead and were never headed. Curiously, four Oregonians scored all their points. Gale had 18, Slim Wintermute 14, and Dave Silver and Bobby Anet four each.

For Oregon State no one scored over five points, Harris and Kebbe each having that number. At one time during the contest the Beavers handled the ball for six minutes and 30 seconds trying to make their ball-control offense pay off.

University of Oregon 38 -- O.S.C. 33, Corvallis, Oregon, March 5, 1938.

The Beavers closed the 1937-38 season going down to defeat to the University of Oregon 38-to-33. With this victory the Webfoots were crowned champions of the Northern Division and gained the right to meet Stanford University for the Pacific Coast Conference championship.

Play during the first half was back and forth until the Beavers, led by Chet Kebbe, gained a lead five minutes before the first half ended and went into the intermission leading 15-to-13. Sparked by Wally Johansen the Webfoots took the lead at the outset of the second half and were never again headed. The contest was a close one throughout as there were never more than five points separating the two teams. Vanelli scored 11 points for the Beavers. Other Beavers who scored were Pflugrad with six, Romano two, Harris two, Kebbe five, and Stidham seven.

Oregon State ended its conference play with a six-won and fourteen-loss record and a fifth place in conference standings.

Roy Pflugrad was the only Beaver to receive all-star recognition as he was placed on the all-conference second team as a guard. The conference all-star team was chosen by the five Northern Division

coaches. He was also placed on Washington State's all-opponent team by Coach Jack Friel.

Oregon State's leading scorer in conference play was Roy Pflugrad who amassed a total of 130 points. He was followed by Chet Kebbe with 113 and Mal Harris with 112. Other Beavers who contributed more than 40 points were Frank Mandic 68, Nello Vanelli 50, Merle Kruger 48, Tony Romano 42, and Bill Stidham 40.

Varsity basketball awards were won by Mal Harris, Alex Hunter, Chet Kebbe, Merle Kruger, Frank Mandic, Roy Pflugrad, Tony Romano, Bill Stidham, Nello Vanelli, and Stu Warren.

## 1938-39 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

The 1938-39 basketball season got under way when Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill issued a call for 35 hoop candidates to report three times a week for preseason drills. Slats' entire squad from the 1937-38 team was on hand with the exception of Chet Kebbe who was lost through graduation.

Five men were on hand. The newcomers were Dick Kessler, all-state in 1936 and ineligible last season; Clayton Shaw, sole varsity candidate from the last yearling team. Transfers were Bob Garbould, Long Beach Junior College; Don Stiff, former Eastern Oregon Normal star, and Bill Blackledge from Corvallis who had played for Fullerton Junior College.

Attempting to win one last letter was Elmer Kolberg, three-year letterman in football and one-year letter winner in basketball. Elmer did not compete during the 1937-38 season.

Men returning from last year's squad were Al Hunter, Mal Harris, Nello Vanelli, Merle Kruger, Bill Stidham, Frank Mandic, Chuck Klein, Roy Pflugrad, Tony Romano, Arland Schwab, and Stu Warren.

The Beavers were rated a dark horse for the 1938-39 campaign.

With one week left before opening their season against the University of Portland, Slats Gill was working with two different combinations. One consisted of Al Hunter and Mal Harris at forwards; Elmer Kolberg, center; and Frank Mandic and Chuck Klein, guards. The other combination had Nello Vanelli and Roy Pflugrad, forwards; Tony

Romano, center; and Bill Stidham and Don Stitt at guards.

Portland University 29 -- O.S.C. 48, Corvallis, Oregon, December 17, 1938.

The Beavers opened their season successfully as they romped over the University of Portland 48-to-28. During the first half Oregon State could not seem to get going. For twelve and a half minutes of the half they were trailing the Pilots. Roy Pflugrad's basket at the 13 minute mark tied the score at 10-all. This was the turning point and though the score was later tied again at 13-all, Portland never managed to regain control.

After the slow first half the Beavers came out for the second half and opened up with a blistering fast break that piled up 15 points and stayed way out in front throughout the remainder of the game.

Pflugrad scored 16 points on six field goals and four free throws. Next came Romano with eight points, Koein with seven and Harris with six.

Pacific Packards 28 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, December 20, 1938.

With only a 21-to-16 advantage at half time the Beavers again came back strong shortly after the start of the second half and decisively pulled away. Roy Pflugrad again led the Beaver scoring machine with a total of ten points.

Multnomah Athletic Club 44 -- O.S.C. 66, Portland, Oregon, December 22, 1938.

The Clubmen made a good contest out of it for ten minutes but as the first half stretched toward the close it became apparent to the approximately 500 spectators that the Beavers had too much scoring power. Oregon State led by nine points at half time, 29-to-20, largely due to the efforts of Chuck Klein, who scored 13 points.

Klein led all scorers with a total of 19 points. Pflugrad scored 14 points.

Signal Oil 37 -- O.S.C. 36, Portland, Oregon, December 23, 1938.

Oregon State ran into its first defeat of the young season when they fell victims to the Signal Oil quintet of Portland. In a thrill-filled contest the Beavers worked themselves into a comfortable half-time lead of 22-to-13, but in the second half the Oilers found their shooting eye and with three minutes left to play Jay Hollingsworth, ex-Beaver, hit a field goal to tie the score at 33-all. A Beaver field goal gave them a 35-to-33 lead when Earl Conkling, another ex-Beaver, hit a free throw to bring the Oilmen within one point. With just 20 seconds left to play Chuck Patterson hit a field goal for the Oilmen and gave them their exciting victory. Harris and Pflugrad paced the Beaver attack with 11 and 12 points respectively.

Multnomah Athletic Club 29 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, December 26, 1938.

Oregon State scored its second victory of the season over Multnomah Club, 47-to-29. The Orangemen had to overcome a 15-to-12 Multnomah Club half-time lead for their victory. Pflugrad, Stitt, and Harris

led a Beaver spurt at the start of the second half to assure an Oregon State victory. Pflugrad with 13 points, Stitt with 12, and Harris with 11 points led the Beaver scoring parade.

Signal Oil 28 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, December 27, 1938.

The Beavers got revenge for their earlier defeat by the Signal Oil quintet. The Orangemen led all the way as they maintained a 24-to-16 lead at half time, and in the second half they ran over the Oilers.

Harris and Vanelli led the Beavers in scoring, each making a dozen points, while Don Stitt scored 19.

Signal Oil 31 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1938.

Oregon State made it two out of three over the Signal Oil team 42-to-31. The Beavers played like champions in the first part, but they slumped in the second period and only the inability of the Oilmen to take advantage of the situation prevented the contest from being a closer affair. Half-time score was 26-to-20 in favor of the Beavers. In the second half Oregon State scored 16 points to the Oilers 11. Harris scored 11 points, Kolberg 6, and Mandic 7.

Pacific Packard 22 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon, December 31, 1938.

Oregon State ended their preconference schedule with an easy victory over the Pacific Packards for their second victory in the two-game series. Half-time score found the Orange five leading 21-to-10. Roy Pflugrad again led the Oregon State scorers as he scored 12 points. Mandic and Klein scored nine points apiece.

The Beavers ended their pre-conference schedule with a seven-won and one-loss record. With eight preseason games under their belts the Oregon State Beavers started to look forward to their conference opener against Washington State College at Corvallis. Washington State was ranked as one of the favorites in the Northern Division race.

In the preseason games the Orangemen used both a fast break and a set offense, depending upon the situation. Slat's Gill's starting five for the initial conference contest consisted of Roy Pflugrad and Al Hunter, forwards; Tony Romano, center; and Elmer Kolberg and Mal Harris, guards.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 30 -- O.S.C. 19, Corvallis, Oregon, January 3, 1939.

The Cougars definitely ranked as a title contender as they posted a convincing victory over the Beavers in their conference opener.

Oregon State broke into an early lead when Roy Pflugrad and Elmer Kolberg scored on foul shots for a 2-to-0 lead. The first field goal of the game was scored after nine and a half minutes of play when Roy Pflugrad hit another field goal. Washington State scored their first field goal after 11 minutes of play. This first half was featured by great defensive play and it resulted in a half-time score of 8-to-7 in Washington State's favor.

The second half started out to be a repetition of the first half as the score stood 10-to-10 after eight and a half minutes of

play. At this point Washington State started connecting with long shots over the Beaver zone and quickly ran up a 17-to-10 lead. Oregon State quickly retaliated with Frank Mandic, Al Hunter, and Tony Romano pulling the Beavers up to within one point of the Cougars with less than three minutes left to play.

From this point on the Cougars put on a blistering attack as they scored 13 points in the closing minutes which gave them their 30-to-19 victory. The Cougar attack was spearheaded by John Kosich, Dale Gentry, Jack Jennings, and Paul Linderman. Frank Mandic made a field goal and Roy Pflugrad caged a free shot to terminate a short lived Oregon State rally.

The Beaver scoring was done by Pflugrad five, Hunter three, Romano 1, Kolberg four, Harris four, and Mandic four.

Washington State College 38 -- O.S.C. 25, Corvallis, Oregon, January 4, 1939.

In their second conference game the Beavers again ran into a potent Cougar team and went down to defeat 38-to-25. Washington State opened the scoring with Captain Pete Hooper hitting for two points only to have Roy Pflugrad, Beaver forward, even things up in the first minute of play with a field goal. With eight and a half minutes of play in the first half the two teams were tied at 6-all. From this point on the Cougars went into the lead and were never again headed, or even threatened. The score at half time favored the Cougars, 19-to-13.

Throughout the second half the Cougars dominated the play and

led at different times 24-to-14, 30-to-17, 33-to-19, and the final score of 38-to-25. The Beavers could only hit five field goals out of 12 attempts while Washington State connected with 12 out of 16 attempts. Oregon State was led throughout the contest by Roy Pflugrad and Elmer Kolberg who scored 10 and 7 points respectively.

The Beavers, after the two stunning defeats at the hands of Washington State, started preparing themselves for their first encounter of the season against the University of Oregon. A great deal of emphasis was put on offensive drills throughout the week as Slat Gill was far from satisfied with his team's showing against Washington State. Defensively, Slat worked both on man-to-man and zone defenses. Preparations were also made to hold the fast break of the Ducks. Mr. Gill planned to start the following combination: Mal Harris and Frank Mandic, forwards; Elmer Kolberg, center; and Bob Garbould and Roy Pflugrad, guards.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, January 13, 1939.

With a capacity crowd of 4,000 screaming spectators in the Men's Gymnasium, the Beavers went down to their third conference defeat as they lost to the University of Oregon 31-to-26. For the first 15 minutes of the first half, play was very slow and it was signified by the low 4-to-3 score in favor of Oregon. At the intermission Oregon led by one point, 11-to-10. The Webfooters ran the score up to 19-to-10 in the first four minutes of play in the second period, while the

Beavers' first score came on a foul shot by Roy Pflugrad. The Beavers, at this point, made a determined bid and with Tony Romano, Roy Pflugrad, Mal Harris and Al Hunter leading the way they battled their way back to within two points of the Ducks, at 21-to-19.

But Laddie Gale rallied the Ducks and at the 15 minute mark the Webfoots led 28-to-23. With two and a half minutes left the score favored Oregon 29-to-26. In the final minutes Oregon stalled and in going out after the ball Mal Harris, Frank Mandic, and Al Hunter all committed fouls that were quickly converted. At the gun, Oregon led 31-to-26 and Laddie Gale, Oregon forward, still had a free throw. The game was a rough-and-tumble battle throughout, with five men banished on personal fouls. Oregon State's scoring was done by Pflugrad with five points, Garbould four, Hunter four, Mandic two, Romano six, Kolberg two, and Harris three.

With three defeats behind them the Oregon State basketeters had to look forward to another tough series as they started making plans to meet the University of Washington in Seattle. The great lack of scoring punch, which hampered the Beavers, was given a great deal of attention by Slat Gill during his practice sessions. Slat worked on various combinations and it looked like Bob Garbould, Don Stitt, Elmer Kolberg, Frank Mandic and Chuck Klein had won the starting positions for the series. Coach Gill announced that the following twelve men would make up his traveling squad; Bob Garbould, Mal Harris, Al Hunter, Dick Kessler, Chuck Koein, Elmer Kolberg, Frank Mandic, Roy Pflugrad, Tony Romano, Bill Stidham, Don Stitt, and Nello Vanelli.

University of Washington 34 -- O.S.C. 21, Seattle, Washington,  
January 20, 1939.

Washington's unbeaten Huskies kept their string intact as they defeated the Beavers 34-to-21 at Seattle. Oregon State dominated the play during the first half and within the first two minutes of play the Beavers were leading the Huskies 6-to-0 on three field goals, two on rebounds by Frank Mandic.

Washington didn't score until Roy Williamson connected on a foul shot and it was seven minutes before they got their first field goal, a lay-in by Dick Voelker. After that they began to get the range and creep up. Though the Beavers' zone defense kept the score down, the Huskies managed to tie the score at half time 11-all. Washington made up for lost time in the second half, scoring field goals and free throws with abandon while the Beavers could only get one field goal and eight free throws in 20 minutes.

Slats Gill substituted frequently during the second half but couldn't turn the tide when the Huskies got the range on the basket. The Beaver scoring was held to a minimum with Frank Mandic having the best luck as he garnered a total of eight points.

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 20, Seattle, Washington,  
January 21, 1939.

Washington made it two in a row over the Beavers with a 30-to-20 victory. The Huskies had to again put up with a determined Beaver quintet through the first half and part way through the second half. Oregon State opened up considerably more during the contest the

second night and it paid off. In fact they gave Washington a big scare with a 16-to-16 tie. It came in just under six minutes of the second half, when Al Hunter wiped out a four-point Husky advantage with a pair of quick field goals within a half-minute.

At this point the Huskies pulled themselves together and within a minute they were four points ahead on quick baskets by Bill MacDonald and Roy Williamson. Whereas after the tie, Oregon State could only get one more field goal through the remaining 15 minutes. It was a basket by Tony Romano with less than three minutes to play.

The Beavers who got into the scoring column were; Pflugrad with two points, Hunter three, Kolberg four, Harris seven, Stidham two, and Romano two. Frank Mandic, junior letterman, missed the second Washington contest due to an attack of the flu and spent the night in his hotel room.

University of Oregon 46 -- O.S.C. 39, Eugene, Oregon, January 27, 1939.

The Beavers were still looking for their initial victory as they prepared for their second encounter against the University of Oregon. Only Frank Mandic was missing from practice as he was still suffering from his attack of the flu. Slat Gill was still wrestling with the same problem that had confronted him throughout the season. The great lack of scoring punch was a terrific handicap to the fighting Beavers. Coach Gill planned to start a quintet which consisted of Al Hunter and Bob Garbould at forwards; Frank Mandic at center; and Elmer Kolberg and Tony Romano at guards.

Slat Gill's never-give-up Beavers forced the Webfoots of the

University of Oregon to stage an uphill fight in gaining their second straight victory over the Beavers, 46-to-39. Nine minutes had slipped by in the second half before the Webfoots jumped into a lead they managed to hold against the fighting Orangemen. The Beavers completely dominated the first half, leading 19-to-14 at the gun. Employing their usual zone defense, they held the mighty Oregon offense to three field goals in the first half.

Led by Tony Romano and Bob Garbould, whose howitzer thrilled a near-capacity crowd of 6,000, the Beavers set out to sew it up in the second period. But seven and a half minutes after the start, Romano committed his fourth personal foul and was banished. The Oregons, afire now, tied the score at 26-all and then bounced into a 28-to-27 lead. Never again did the Staters go ahead or achieve a tie.

All the Beavers turned in a good contest; Mandic and Garbould dominated the scoring with 11 and 9 points respectively. Other scorers were Hunter, Kolberg, Romano, Pflugrad, Klein, and Vanelli.

With six conference defeats under their belts the Beavers were more determined than ever to break into the win column as they started practice sessions for the invasion of the University of Washington. Already holding two wins over the Orangemen made the desire that much more intense. The Beavers were hungry for a victory. Practice session indicated that the Beavers were going to play more wide-open basketball against the Huskies than they did against Oregon at Eugene a week before.

University of Washington 41 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 3, 1939.

The Huskies maintained a blistering pace to out-run a fighting Beaver quintet in the opener of the two-game series in Corvallis. The game remained close throughout with the half-time score, 26-to-24, in the Huskies' favor. The staters tied the score in the final period, but were unable to stave off a Husky scoring spree in the final minutes which put the Orangemen out of the running. Mandic and Romano were very instrumental in keeping the Beavers in the contest from start to finish. Mandic gained high-point honors for the game with 13 points; Romano scored 11.

University of Washington 41 -- O.S.C. 48, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 4, 1939.

With the exception of the seven minute mark when the score stood 8-to-8, the Beavers led the Huskies throughout. The win gave the Beavers a split in the two-game series.

Big Frank Mandic was instrumental in hanging the first victory of the season over the Huskies. In the first half Mandic was responsible for eight points, then came back in the second half to add another nine for a total of 17 points, high-point man for the evening. Half-time favored the Staters by 11 points and although the invaders came back to gain 25 points in the second half, the Beavers scored 21 to always stay ahead. The Beavers clinched their victory in the last six minutes of the first half when they put on a drive which netted them nine points while holding the Huskies scoreless. Other leading

scorers for the Beavers besides Mandic were Garbould with 11 points, Kolberg 8, Hunter 7, and Romano 5.

Oregon State's next opponent was the University of Idaho who invaded the Corvallis campus for a two-game series February 13 and 14, 1939. Halfway through the conference season, the Beavers had one victory and seven defeats. They had lost three to Washington, two to Oregon, and two to Washington State. The one win was against Washington. So successful were the Orangemen with a fast breaking offense against Washington that Slat Gill planned to use the same against Idaho. He named the following men as starters for the Beavers; Elmer Kolberg, Tony Romano, Frank Mandic, Al Hunter, and Bob Garbould.

University of Idaho 39 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1939.

The Beavers scored their second conference victory of the year as they defeated the Idaho Vandals in the first of a two-game series. Idaho kept the Beavers under control during the first half which ended in a tie, 18-all, and went out ahead 25-to-21 after five minutes of the second half. Then Lyle Smith, Idaho guard, was charged on four personal fouls and the Vandals' attack bogged down. Al Hunter and Frank Mandic put the Orangemen back in the lead at the ten-minute mark of the second period and it was all Oregon State from then on as the Beavers piled up a lead that the Vandals couldn't match in the closing minutes of the contest. Don Stitt, substitute Oregon State forward, helped the Beavers a great deal with four quick baskets in

the second half.

Hunter, Mandic, and Stitt, with 10, 9, and 8 points, led the Beaver attack. Hunter's ten points also gave him a tie with Idaho's "Rook" Hilton for the game's leading scorer.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, February 14, 1939.

The Oregon State College Beavers turned back a determined band of Vandals to win their second straight victory over Idaho and their third game of the conference season. No more than three points separated the teams at any time in the first half, which ended with Idaho ahead 17-to-15.

The Vandals ran that count to 22-to-17 after two minutes of play in the second half. Idaho maintained the lead until after six minutes of play when Hunter, Mandic, and Romano hit for three field goals in a row to give the Beavers a slim 23-to-22 advantage. From this point on the lead changed hands several times and with two minutes remaining the Beavers had gained a two-point advantage 32-to-30. The Vandals made a desperate attempt to gain possession of the ball but only succeeded in giving the Orangemen three more points on free throws. The game ended after Romano sank the final gift toss to make the score Oregon State 35, Idaho 30. All the Beaver scoring was done by the five starting men; Garbould seven, Hunter seven, Mandic seven, Kolberg five, and Romano high-point man with nine points.

With three consecutive victories stowed away, the happy Beavers

looked with greedy eyes toward the fat University of Oregon Duck when it invaded the Beaver campus to renew the ancient rivalry. The Ducks held two victories over the Beavers, 31-to-26 and 49-to-39. All indications pointed to an encounter that would be even wilder than the first two. Oregon State's practice sessions indicated that the Orangemen would use a fast break against the hard-running Ducks. Slat planned to go along with his starting lineup of Tony Romano, Elmer Kolberg, Frank Mandic, Bob Garbould, and Al Hunter.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 50, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1939.

The Beavers came through with one of the most stunning upsets ever recorded in the Northern Division in many years as they defeated the University of Oregon 50-to-31. It was Oregon's second defeat of the 1939 pennant chase; her first since an early season setback at the hands of Washington State and it left the Ducks only a single game ahead of the second place Washington Huskies as far as the loss column was concerned.

Big Elmer Kolberg, with 17 points was the big spark in the surprising Beaver attack, one that virtually ran the Ducks out of the gymnasium and kept a near-capacity crowd in a pandemonium. The former Lincoln High School star of Portland simply couldn't miss, it seemed. He had plenty of help, too, from Al Hunter, Frank Mandic, and Tony Romano.

Laddie Gale, who was after a new Northern Division conference scoring record, was held to a meager four points on one field goal

and two free throws. The scoring tempo was slightly on the slow side in the opening half as the inspired Beavers grabbed an 18-to-13 lead. Slat's men really went to work in the second half, though, and quickly commanded a 20 point advantage, to which they clung for the rest of the game. It was the worst beating the tall Oregons had suffered since back in their sophomore years.

The brunt of the Beaver scoring was carried by Kolberg who hit for 17 and his greatest night as a Beaver player. Hunter scored 11, Mandic 10, Romano 8, and Garbould and Pflugrad 2 apiece.

The Orangemen won four in a row and were looking better every time they took the floor. Their fast-breaking offense and tight zone defense completely baffled the Webfoots in their last outing and everyone in the Beaver camp was hoping it would hold over for their final outing against the Ducks in Eugene. The Beavers' chances were brightened a little when word was received in Corvallis that Wally Johansen, Oregon's star guard, had not fully recovered from injuries suffered in their last contest against the Beavers.

University of Oregon 48 -- O.S.C. 37, Eugene, Oregon, February 14, 1939.

Oregon State ran into a red hot Oregon quintet which would not be denied and consequently went on to a 48-to-37 victory and one victory away from the Northern Division championship. The Beavers opened the rough, tough contest with the first field goal when Frank Mandic sank a field goal off a rebound and gave the Beavers their only lead in the contest. At the nine minute mark it was Frank Mandic's field goal that

tied the contest at 9-all, but six minutes short of the first-half finish Oregon launched a mighty offense and ran the score up to 26-to-14 at the half.

During the second half the capacity crowd saw both teams fight desperately to recover the ball from the backboards and break up their opponent's play. A pair of double fouls were called by the officials, the first on Elmer Kolberg and Laddie Gale to cause the ejection of both men. Seven players were ejected from the game via the four-foul route; Gale, Wintermute, and Anet of Oregon; and Garbould, Romano, and Harris of the Beavers.

The Webfoots at one time early in the second half were leading the Beavers by 16 points. Elmer Kolberg, the star of the great Beaver upset the previous week, was held to only five points but, nevertheless, was the outstanding Beaver on the floor, being in the middle of every melee and carrying the brunt of his team's work on the boards. Garbould scored 10 points to lead the Beaver scoring in addition to playing a cat-like floor game. Mandic scored nine points, Hunter three, Romano six, and Roy Pflugrad and Don Stitt two each.

The Beavers' four remaining games of the 1938-39 season were played against the University of Idaho and Washington State College on the Inland Empire trip. Coach Slat's Gill named the following men for the trip; Mal Harris, Nello Vanelli, Elmer Kolberg, Bill Stidham, Tony Romano, Frank Mandic, Al Hunter, Bob Garbould, Roy Pflugrad, Chuck Koein, and Don Stitt. Price Schroder, student manager, was also part

of the traveling squad. Oregon State's record, at the start of the trip was four wins and eight losses.

University of Idaho 41 -- O.S.C. 48, Moscow, Idaho, February 28, 1939.

The Beavers opened their Inland Empire jaunt with a win over the Vandals. The game was a rough and bruising affair, with the Beavers in the lead all the way after their second basket. Their fine defense kept the Vandals out of the close range shots they concentrated on. The first half ended with a Vandal flurry that cut their opponents lead to 27-to-21.

During the second half the Beavers came back with a rush and gained themselves a 12-point lead only to have the Vandals retaliate with a rally of their own that brought the score to 36-to-34 in the Beavers' favor. At this time, Frank Mandic took the situation in hand and with two quick baskets set the Beavers off on another rally that gave them their victory. Mandic who scored 13 points besides leading the way with a great exhibition of aggressive backboard play was high-point man. Stitt and Romano scored 11 and 9 points respectively.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 32, Moscow, Idaho, March 1, 1939.

Oregon State tied Washington State for third place in the Northern Division race as they defeated Idaho for the second straight night. The score was tied at 30-all with four minutes to go. Aggressive action produced thrill after thrill for the spectators and with two and a half minutes left to play, Ronnie Harris, Idaho forward, fouled Tony Romano, who converted to give the Beavers a one-point lead.

With a minute left to go Idaho had two chances to score on two fouls committed by Roy Pflugrad but failed in both attempts. With seconds to go this time, Tony Romano was fouled by Gordon Price of Idaho and Tony again converted which gave the Beavers their two-point margin of victory.

Tony Romano turned in another creditable job for the Beavers and was second in the scoring column with eight points. Bob Garbould led the Beaver scoring with nine points. Other scorers for the Oregon Staters were Hunter five, Pflugrad three, Mandic three, and Kolberg made four points.

The two victories over Idaho gave the Beavers a record of six wins and eight losses.

Washington State College 47 -- O.S.C. 41, Pullman, Washington,  
March 3, 1939.

In a fiery battle that had the fans on the edges of their seats in the closing minutes of play, Washington State came from behind at Pullman to gain their third victory over the Beavers. With only ten minutes to play, Oregon State had a seven-point lead but the determined Cougars with Captain Pete Hooper leading the way overtook the Orangemen and Washington State held off a desperate challenge by the Beavers. Oregon State started the scoring but the Cougars grabbed the lead at six-to-five and ran it up to 21-to-13. The Orange took charge and moved up to a 23-to-23 tie. Frank Mandic's field goal deadlocked the score. Johnny Kosich then hit for the two points which gave

the Cougars a 25-to-23 half-time lead. Romano and Garbould each scored 10 points. Mandic and Kolberg scored six points apiece.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 35, Pullman, Washington, March 4, 1939.

In the season's windup for both teams the Cougars grabbed an early lead and led throughout the contest. It was 13 minutes in the first half before Oregon State found the hoop for a field goal. The Cougars had piled up a ten-point lead, with the count 15-to-5, as Don Stitt, broke the spell by hitting for two field goals in a row. A couple of minutes later Stitt added the Beavers' third field goal with a hook shot. The score at half time was 20-to-15 with the Cougars out in front. Chuck Klein opened the second half for the Beavers with a field goal only to have Washington State retaliate with two of their own. Oregon State came back with its strongest bid of the game and pulled within two points of the Cougars by scoring seven points in succession; Garbould, Mandic, and Klein each getting a field goal and Romano coming through with a free throw. With five minutes of the second half gone the score was Washington State 26, Oregon State 24. The Cougars again took command and midway in the period the score read 32-to-27. Three minutes later the gap had widened to ten points. Ahead, 40-to-31, with three minutes remaining, Washington State went into an effective stall. A field goal by Roy Pflugrad was the last shot as the gun sounded. Leading Beaver scorer was Don Stitt with eight points on four field goals while Frank Mandic had eight points on three field goals and two free throws.

The Cougar victory gave them a clean sweep of the four-game series.

Oregon State ended its conference season with a six-won, ten-loss record which placed them fourth in the league standings. The Beaver season record was 13 wins and 11 losses.

Frank Mandic led the Orangemen in conference scoring with a total of 122 points. Following Frank were Tony Romano with 84, Bob Garbould 82, Elmer Kolberg 78, Al Hunter 70, Roy Pflugrad 45, Don Stitt 35, Mal Harris 18, Chuck Klein 12, Nello Vanelli 4, and Bill Stidham 3.

Varsity basketball awards were awarded to Bob Garbould, Mal Harris, Al Hunter, Chuck Koein, Elmer Kolberg, Frank Mandic, Roy Pflugrad, Tony Romano, Bill Stidham, Don Stitt, and Nello Vanelli.

## CHAPTER IV

## OREGON STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS 1939-45

## 1939-40 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Slats Gill started his 1939-40 basketball season with a squad of 15 men taking part in the workouts. A three-day-a-week practice schedule was started and continued until after Thanksgiving when daily work was held. Eight lettermen, five sophomores and two varsity reserves reported for the initial workout. Back from last year's club were lettermen Frank Mandic, Bob Garbould, Don Stitt, Stu Warren, and Merle Kruger. Sophomores reporting were John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Gene Reish and Sam Dement. Bill Blackledge and Clayton Shaw were members of last year's squad.

Once, during their practice sessions, the Beaver basketeers had a scrimmage against Willamette University and won by the unofficial score of 62-to-29 after about 60 minutes of play. All members of the 15-man squad were given plenty of opportunity to show their wares.

After two months of practice, Slats Gill had a good idea who his players would be. For the opening tilt of the season Coach Gill decided to start Tony Romano and Frank Mandic, forwards; John Mandic, center; and Al Hunter and Bob Garbould, guards. All but John Mandic were seniors. He was a sophomore. Other members sure of seeing action were Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Stu Warren, Paul Valenti, Don Stitt, Clayton Shaw and Merle Kruger.

It was predicted that the outcome of the Orange season would depend almost entirely on the showing of its sophomores, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, and Sam Dement. Experts agreed that they had to come through if the Orangemen were to be championship contenders.

Willamette University 20 -- O.S.C. 38, Salem, Oregon, December 6, 1939.

Oregon State's opening game of the new season was against Willamette University in Salem, and it ended in a Beaver victory in a somewhat rugged contest, 38-to-20. The game was such that bystanders were not impressed with the ability of either team. The Orangemen took an early lead and were ahead 20-to-8 at half time, never allowing the Bearcats within good striking distance. The Mandic brothers, Frank and John, led the Oregon State's scoring with 11 and 7 points respectively. John Mandic was tossed out of the contest for scrapping on the floor with an opponent.

The performance of a trio of sophomores was perhaps the outstanding feature of the evening for the Beavers. John Mandic's ability had been accepted, but the performance of Jack Mulder, Paul Valenti, and Sam Dement, also from last year's great Rook team, was gratifying.

With only one game under their belts the Beavers suffered a setback with the announcement that Bob Garbould, regular guard, would be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

Willamette University 30 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, December 9, 1939.

The Beavers made it two straight over their Bearcat rivals with a 52-to-30 victory in a game played at Corvallis. It took the Beavers seven minutes to score their first basket, but by half time they had run up a 22-to-14 lead. In the second half they went faster yet, and gained a 30-to-16 advantage. High point man of the game was John Mandic as he rained in enough baskets to make 11 points. Both teams battled freely under the backboards, intercepted lots of passes and vied in keeping up the very fast tempo of an interesting game. For the Beavers, John Mandic shone highest of the sophomores, but Paul Valenti looked like a coming master, especially in push shots at the free-throw line.

Multnomah Athletic Club 34 -- O.S.C. 59, Portland, Oregon, December 12, 1939.

Oregon State's third outing of the young season was against the Multnomah Club on the Jefferson High School court in Portland. The Beavers served notice to several thousand spectators that they were capable of being considered contenders for the championship of the Northern Division. Beavers rang up 59 points to 34 for Multnomah Club; leading all the way, the Staters were on top at half time 31-to-25. Two sophomores, towering John Mandic and Paul Valenti showed the way by sharing scoring honors with 13 points apiece.

Signal Oil 31 -- O.S.C. 50, The Dalles, Oregon, December 13, 1939.

After the game the Beavers left on a preseason barnstorming trip which took them through the Rocky Mountain area after a stopover at The Dalles, Oregon, for a dedication game against Signal Oil of Portland in the new high school gymnasium. A crowd of 1300 persons witnessed the contest and saw the Beavers come out on top for their fourth straight win, 50-to-31. Pacing the Beavers as they rolled to their 50 point total was Frank Mandic who accounted for 12 points. Right behind Mandic was rugged Tony Romano with 11 points. Beaver players making the trip were Tony Romano, Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Al Hunter, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Clayton Shaw, Don Stitt, Merle Kruger, and Stu Warren.

Utah State College 38 -- O.S.C. 39, Logan, Utah, December 15, 1939.

Oregon State, playing its first game on a Utah floor, eked out a 39-to-38 victory over Utah State College. A field goal by Paul Valenti in the last minute of play gave the Beavers the game. The barnstorming Beavers were behind nearly all the way and were trailing, 20-to-14, at half time. They tied the count at 29-all on Jack Mulder's setup midway in the second half. Utah State regained the lead and held it until Valenti's game-winning field goal. Don Stitt, reserve guard, led the Beaver scoring with 10 points and gave the Utah fans an exhibition of fancy dribbling. Following Stitt in the scoring column were Jack Mulder and Paul Valenti who had eight and nine points respectively.

Utah State College 39 -- O.S.C. 41, Logan, Utah, December 16, 1939.

In the second meeting of the two teams the Beavers again came through with another close victory, 41-to-39. Tony Romano, big Beaver forward, was the spearhead of the Oregon State attack as he accounted for 14 points and again played his usual tough game on the backboards. It was nip-and-tuck throughout the game, with the lead never being more than three points in favor of either team. Oregon State led at half time 21-to-18. Midway in the last half the Utah Aggies tied the score but failed to hold it. Other Beavers who broke into the scoring column were Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Al Hunter, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Don Stitt, Merle Kruger, and Clayton Shaw. The two victories gave the Beavers their fifth and sixth victories without a defeat.

University of Utah 53 -- O.S.C. 37, Salt Lake City, Utah, December 18, 1939.

An underdog University of Utah quintet defeated Oregon State, 53-to-37, in the first game of a two-game series.

The Utes grabbed the lead in the first minute of play and were never headed. The Orangemen pulled into a momentary 24-to-24 tie an instant before the end of the first half, but they were trailing again, 24-to-26, at the interval. Big John Mandic and Don Stitt led the Beavers in the scoring column with 13 and 12 points respectively. The Beavers were greatly handicapped as they lost five men via the personal foul route. Those leaving the contest were Frank Mandic, Tony Romano, John Mandic, Jack Mulder, and Paul Valenti.

University of Utah 39 -- O.S.C. 20, Salt Lake City, Utah, December 19, 1939.

Utah held Oregon State to five foul shots during the second half as they defeated the Orangemen on the second night 39-to-20. The visiting Beavers used their height effectively during the first half to play on even terms with the Indians, trailing by only a point at half time, 15-to-16. After eight minutes of the second half Utah ran up a commanding 28-to-16 lead and coasted to victory.

Brigham Young University 30 -- O.S.C. 58, Twin Falls, Idaho, December 20, 1939.

From Salt Lake City the Beavers moved on to Twin Falls, Idaho, and a two-game series with Brigham Young University.

Paul Valenti poured in 15 points in the 19 minutes he played and led the Oregon State Beavers to a 58-to-30 victory over Brigham Young University of Provo, Utah. Oregon State jumped into a 7-to-0 lead at the outset and had an 11-to-3 margin within five minutes. B.Y.U. came within three points shortly after, but that was as close as the losing team got. Following Valenti in the scoring column was veteran Al Hunter with 11 points.

Brigham Young University 47 -- O.S.C. 42, Twin Falls, Idaho, December 21, 1939.

The Beavers ran into their third defeat of their barnstorming trip as they lost to Brigham Young University, 47-to-42. Brigham Young moved into an early lead and except for a short time late in the first

half was ahead all the way, with a margin of 23-to-19 at the half. The contest was a battle from start to finish, however, and the Beavers pressed the victors throughout. Jack Mulder, Beaver sophomore, was high man of the game with 14 points while John Mandic came through with 11 counters. Paul Valenti, who was red hot the night before, was checked to one free-throw by Brigham Young's Dan Voerby.

University of Idaho, Southern Branch, 38 -- O.S.C. 31, Pocatello, Idaho, December 23, 1939.

With one game remaining in the Rocky Mountain territory the tired Beavers moved to Pocatello, Idaho, for their final contest before heading home, against the University of Idaho, Southern Branch.

The invasion of Pocatello resulted in the Beavers going down to a 38-to-31 defeat as the Idahomen displayed midseason form in gaining their victory. The travel-weary Beavers had trouble in finding the hoop. Statistics showed that they missed 16 consecutive shots in the first half and fired 10 times in the second period before they finally scored a basket. Southern Idaho jumped into an early lead and ran it to 18-to-10 at half time, but the teams battled on even terms in the second half. Oregon State's scoring was led by Paul Valenti who came through with 10 points. Other scorers were Tony Romano, Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Don Stitt, Jack Mulder, and Al Hunter.

The Beavers had five days before their next contest, which was against the Michigan State Spartans as part of a dedication program of Astoria's Regatta Pavilion. After spending Christmas in Corvallis, the

Orangemen motored to Astoria for their two-game series with the Spartans.

Michigan State College 33 -- O.S.C. 38, Astoria, Oregon, December 27, 1939.

The Beavers thrilled Astorians with a rough 38-to-33 victory over the visiting Michigan Staters. A capacity crowd of over 2,000 people witnessed the contest. Astoria saw college basketball at its liveliest. After the game, Coach Ben Val Alstyne said the game was too rough: "It's not basketball," he said. He said that Bob Morrison, his star forward, had to get medical attention and the team was battered in the game (18, p.21).

After a closely contested first half, during which the lead had changed hands 14 times, Oregon State came out on top 16-to-15. Michigan State spurted midway along in the second half to a five-point lead. But the rally was cut short by three baskets by Paul Valenti; his last basket put the Beavers ahead 30-to-29, which was the turning point. With Frank Mandic and Al Hunter adding baskets, the Orange ran its score to 38 with the help of four free-throws, while the Michiganders were held to only four more points. Valenti took scoring honors for the Beavers with a total of 12 points and closely followed by Al Hunter who accounted for eight points.

Michigan State 36 -- O.S.C. 26, Astoria, Oregon, December 28, 1939.

Oregon State ended its preseason schedule with a defeat as the Michigan State Spartans came back and defeated the Beavers 36-to-26.

It was a rough battle, with 35 fouls called, 18 on Oregon State and 17 on the midwesterners. The Spartans handled the ball cleverly and broke through the Beaver defense for many lay-ups. John Mandic led the Beavers at the scoring line with a total of 11 points.

In 13 preseason contests the Orangemen were victorious in eight games and lost five. Total points scored showed 530, an average of 40.8 for Oregon State and 468, or 36 per game, for opponents.

All of the 11 members of Slat's Gill's squad saw plenty of preseason action. Most active were Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Tony Romano, Jack Mulder, Al Hunter, Paul Valenti, and Don Stitt. Other players were Merle Kruger, Clayton Shaw, Sam Dement, and Stu Warren.

High scorers in preseason contests were Paul Valenti, Tony Romano, and John Mandic.

#### Conference Games.

"To date the play of sophomores had been marked by inconsistency. The 'hot and cold' play of the first-year men has practically convinced Coach Slat's Gill that serious Frank Mandic, Tony Romano, and Al Hunter must carry the load if the Orangemen were to be strong pennant contenders" (19, p.34).

After intensive practice for the opening conference game against Idaho, it appeared Coach Gill's probable starting lineup would be composed of the Mandic brothers, John and Frank, Al Hunter, Tony Romano, and Paul Valenti.

University of Idaho 36 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 5, 1940.

The Beavers got off to a galloping start with an impressive victory over the University of Idaho, 42-to-36. The Orangemen were paced by veteran Frank Mandic with 10 points as the evening's high man.

Oregon State, after making a slow start, finally got to clicking and after taking the lead after the first 10 minutes of play were never headed.

The half-time score was 26-to-13 in favor of the Beavers, and when the regulars retired the count was 37-to-22.

Five Beaver players scored three baskets each, Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Don Stitt, and Clayton Shaw.

University of Idaho 37 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 6, 1940.

Oregon State vaulted into the Northern Division lead by virtue of their second straight victory over the University of Idaho, 42-to-38.

Paul Valenti, sophomore guard, paced the 1940 Beaver quintet to victory with 11 points. It was a rough battle from start to finish with a grand total of 45 personal fouls called by officials Barkley and Luck.

The Beavers took command midway through the first 20 minute session and commanded a six-point lead going into the second half.

Idaho pulled up within four points of the fast moving Beavers early in the second period and then dropped far behind again.

Besides Valenti's 11 points the rest of the Oregon State

scoring was divided between Tony Romano, six; Frank Mandic, seven; John Mandic, four; Al Hunter, seven; and Jack Mulder, six.

Current leadership in the Northern Division race faced the Beavers as they looked ahead to their next contest which was against the University of Oregon. With each team undefeated after playing two games with the University of Idaho, the quintet winning in the coming encounter would have considerable advantage in the play chase.

Everything pointed to a close, hard-fought game. Coach Slats Gill reported his team in first-class shape regardless of whether the Beavers elected to use a methodical attack or to run with the Ducks.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 35, Eugene, Oregon, January 12, 1940.

The Beavers registered their first victory in Eugene in four years as they defeated the Webfoots 35-to-31, before 6,500 wildly partisan spectators. It was the third straight win for Oregon State and Oregon's first conference defeat. The victory was decisive, for it was only by sporadic rallies that Oregon's crew of national champions could keep within shouting distance.

A scoring drought in the first half cost Oregon the game. Vic Townsend sank two long shots to give Oregon an early lead. Paul Valenti retaliated in time and John Mandic made a lay-in to tie the count. The score see-sawed for a few minutes until Frank Mandic put O.S.C. ahead with a lay-in, and from then on they stayed ahead.

As the Beavers gained momentum, Oregon went 17 minutes without a field goal and 11 minutes without any score whatsoever. A couple

of quick field goals near the end of the half cut the Beavers' lead to 23-to-14 at half time.

John Mandic led the Beaver attack with 10 points and was followed in order by Paul Valenti with eight points; Frank Mandic and Al Hunter had five; Clayton Shaw, four; Jack Mulder, two; and Merle Kruger, one.

Frank Mandic, Tony Romano, John Mandic and Jack Mulder helped the Beaver victory a great deal as they controlled both backboards with their ever-present aggressiveness.

Four games in a single week faced the Beavers as they started making plans for their yearly invasion of the Inland Empire. The Orangemen's first stopover was at Pullman, Washington, and a two-game series with Washington State College. Oregon State started the jaunt with an undefeated record and Washington State was right behind them with a two-win and one-loss record and an opportunity of moving into first place with a sweep of the series. The whole thing boiled down to a possible "make or break" on their road trip for Slats' Beavers.

Washington State College 47 -- O.S.C. 40, Pullman, Washington,  
January 16, 1940.

The Cougars gained a tie with Oregon State for the division lead as they toppled the Beavers in a rough and topsy-turvy game, 47-to-40. The game was hard fought from the first tip-off and closely contested until the last few minutes, when the home team pulled out to put the game on ice. Oregon State opened the scoring when Al

Hunter sank the first shot attempted, but Bud Olson evened the count with a set shot. The score was 6-to-6 at the end of five minutes and 10-to-10 at the end of ten minutes. Three-quarters through the first half the Cougars had a 17-to-14 lead. Paul Valenti scored with a set shot just before the gun to pull the visitors to within a point, 19-to-18, at the rest period.

In the second period the Beavers moved into a 24-to-23 lead when Jack Jennings, veteran W.S.C. center, tipped a rebound off a missed foul shot by Valenti into the Oregon State basket. At the midway point in the second half the Beavers bounced into the lead when John Mandic made a rebound good just before going out on fouls to make the score 37-to-36. With Bud Olson leading the way, the Cougars surged ahead and were leading by six points with five minutes left to play. The victors held their lead without any trouble.

Big Tony Romano led the Beaver attack with 12 points. The Orangemen lost five men on personal fouls; Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, and Al Hunter.

Washington State College 31 -- O.S.C. 33, Pullman, Washington,  
January 17, 1940.

Oregon State broke a Washington State jinx of 13 straight wins when they defeated the Cougars, 33-to-31, again to move into undisputed possession of first place. Although the play lacked the sparkle of the first meeting, the encounter ended in wild excitement as W.S.C. unleashed a desperate rally that all but defeated the Beavers. John Mandic opened the scoring in the first half, and from then on the

score was tied three times, at 4-to-4, 8-to-8, and 10-to-10. Washington State forged ahead in the last five minutes by 17-to-12 at half time.

Al Hunter made a free-throw as the second half opened, and then the Beavers began forging ahead while throttling the attempts of the Pullman Club. Oregon State jumped in front, 22-to-21, as Jack Mulder made good on a cripple lay-in after seven minutes. Two minutes later the score was tied 23-to-23, and then Al Hunter led his team to victory by sinking two push shots in quick succession. Hunter fouled out three minutes later. With two minutes left, Don Stitt scored a foul shot. Oregon State attempted to keep possession of the ball as Washington State forced them hard to gain control. A push shot by Hooper, Cougar forward, cut the gap to two points and the last minute went scoreless.

Oregon State's scoring was well spread out among six men; Al Hunter, nine; John Mandic and Paul Valenti, seven; Jack Mulder, six; Tony Romano, three; and Don Stitt, one.

The Orangemen moved over to Moscow, Idaho, for their next two games, the last on their Inland Empire jaunt.

University of Idaho 28 -- O.S.C. 40, Moscow, Idaho, January 19, 1940.

In their first encounter against Idaho the Beavers strengthened their hold on first place with a convincing 40-to-28 victory.

Idaho opened the scoring, and at one time early in the first half the score was tied at 6-to-6, but from there on Oregon State was in command of the game. The Beavers played a cool, driving game,

working the ball in close for good shots. The entire Oregon State team functioned smoothly with John Mandic leading the way in the scoring column with 13 points.

The half-time score stood at 23-to-13, in favor of the Beavers. The Vandals took the offensive at the beginning of the second half and after ten minutes were within seven points of the visitors, 29-to-22. This was the closest Idaho got from the time the score was tied at 6-all.

Oregon State's shooting was much better than Idaho's. The Beavers shot 42 times for 15 baskets. Idaho's nine field goals were scored out of 59 attempts. The Beavers made 10 out of 15 foul shots and Idaho had 10 out of 16. Following John Mandic in the scoring column were Al Hunter and Paul Valenti with seven and eight points respectively.

University of Idaho 18 -- O.S.C. 20, Moscow, Idaho, January 20, 1940.

The Beavers made it two straight over Idaho with a 20-to-18 victory in the last game of the Inland Empire trip. A strategy of ball control, which went against them in the first half and left Idaho leading at the mid point, 14-to-10, paid dividends for the Beavers midway in the final period.

Idaho was never behind in the first half, although Oregon State tied the score at 3-all and 8-all. The Beavers won the war of waiting with brilliant defensive play through 15 minutes of the second half, holding Idaho pointless while they edged up to take a 15-to-14 lead on Paul Valenti's field goal and free-throw. Idaho came right back and

tied the score 15-all on "Rock" Hilton's free throw. John Mandic and Al Hunter then came back and gave the Beavers 19 points. Paul Valenti ended Oregon State's scoring with a free-throw.

The total score was the lowest ever recorded in a game between the two teams in 12 years of competition. Individual scoring honors for the Beavers went to the brother combination of Frank and John Mandic as they came through with five points each.

Upon their return from the very successful invasion of the Palouse country Coach Slat Gill ordered complete rest for his squad Monday, January 25, 1940, and planned only a short workout the next day. The Beavers got back to hard work Wednesday in preparing for their coming series with the University of Washington at Corvallis, January 29 and 30.

Only Frank Mandic showed any ill effects from the road trip, suffering an infected knee.

In seven games played thus far, the Beavers had a record of six wins and one loss. The scoring of Orange players in the seven games were John Mandic 52; Paul Valenti 49; Al Hunter 40; Tony Romano 39; Frank Mandic 32; Jack Mulder 23; Clayton Shaw 14; Don Stitt 9; Merle Kruger 1; and Sam Dement and Stu Warren none.

University of Washington 26 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 29, 1940.

The Beavers continued to ride high in the Northern Division race as they knocked over the University of Washington in the first of their

two-game series 45-to-26.

Oregon State scored 32 points in the second half to turn a close game into a rout. At half time Washington was leading, 15-to-13.

At the start of the second half the Orangemen scored 20 points in 10 minutes and led half-way through the half 33-to-21. Big Frank Mandic and guards Al Hunter and Paul Valenti led the fast attack.

All told, the Beavers, in winning their seventh league game and increasing their lead over second place Oregon to one and one-half games, took 46 shots and cashed in on 13 of them.

Beaver scoring was divided among Frank and John Mandic, Tony Romano, Paul Valenti, and Al Hunter, the latter leading with 10 points.

University of Washington 32 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 30, 1940.

The Beavers came back strong the second night and again gave the Huskies another good working over as they defeated them 49-to-32. Big Tony Romano had one of the greatest nights of his career as he led the Beavers with a 17-point effort, besides turning in his usual good job on the back boards. The Orangemen, clicking in one of their best displays of the season, went to work quickly and picked up a 10-to-0 lead at the end of four and a half minutes of play. The Huskies rallied behind Bob Lindh and finished only three points behind at half time, 21-to-18.

Through the first 10 minutes of the second half the Huskies stayed in the ball game and were never more than four points behind

until the Beavers gained a five-point lead, 34-to-29. At this point Tony Romano caged nine successive points for the Beavers, which put the skids under the Huskies. The final moments of the game were a constant parade to the foul line with Frank Mandic and Jack Mulder being sent out on four personal fouls. Besides Tony Romano's 17 points the other main scorers for the Beavers were John Mandic and Al Hunter with 10 points apiece.

With an 8-and-1 record after their victory over Washington, the Beavers had to look forward to their second encounter of the year against the University of Oregon. Both teams were gunning for a victory with every shot in their lockers. For Oregon State a victory would bring the Beavers within shouting distance of the division title; should Oregon win, the Ducks would move into threatening distance of the Beavers.

University of Oregon 27 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, February 3, 1940.

In a game that was full of thrills and confusion, the Oregon State Beavers nosed out the University of Oregon, 28-to-27, which made it two in a row over the Ducks. Thrills came as the two deadly enemies in a pitched battle that was close all the way. Confusion came with two seconds to play when Referee Emil Piluso's whistle was lost in the wild howl of the crowd and a foul by Tony Romano went unnoticed by the jubilant Oregon Staters and downcast Oregons. So great was the din that the timers failed to hear Piluso's whistle as he called a foul on Romano. Meanwhile, the final gun had gone off, fans had swarmed onto

the floor and players had to go to their dressing rooms. It was ten minutes later before John Dick went up to the foul line with Oregon's last chance draped on his shoulders. Dick stepped up to the line for that all-important shot and missed, and as the ball bounced out of bounds the game was finally officially over.

Oregon State had a definite hero in Clayton Shaw, substitute guard, whose two field goals in clutches pulled Coach "Slats" Gill's team out of bad situations. With a minute to play as Oregon led, 25-to-24, Shaw broke away for a cripple that put the Beavers ahead, 26-to-25. Oregon came back and went ahead, 27-to-26, with 20 seconds to go. There were eight seconds to play when Shaw hit with a field goal from outside the foul circle to give the Beavers their much-wanted victory.

The intense excitement of the final few minutes made up for one of the slowest first halves ever witnessed on the Beaver court. The Beavers didn't attempt a fast break as they moved the ball in a series of passes designed to open the Oregon zone defense. Oregon was the team which slowed the contest to a snail's pace as John Dick held the ball for minutes at a time without moving from one spot. At one time Dick held the ball fully five minutes.

John Mandic paced the Beaver attack with a total of 12 points.

No rest was in store for the Beavers as they had to get themselves set for a series with Washington State College. The chips were down for the Beavers, and the series could either make or break them. Two victories would practically clinch the championship for the

Orangemen. On the other hand, two wins for the Cougars would put them several notches closer to the title and at the same time would cut Oregon down to the position of being just another pennant contender.

Washington State College 46 -- O.S.C. 37, Corvallis, Oregon, February 9, 1940.

The Washington State College jinx worked to order as the Cougars defeated the Beavers 46-to-37. The victory gave them their thirty-first victory over the Beavers in Northern Division competition. The visitors were in command most of the way except for a brief one-point lead the Beavers held in the first half. Only Paul Valenti and Frank Mandic could hit consistently for the Beavers, and they managed to keep the Orangemen within range throughout the first half. The half-time score favored the Cougars, 17-to-15. Oregon State, badly off form in shooting, fell far behind the hard-charging Pullman team as the second half opened. After eight minutes of play in the second half, Washington State gained a nine-point lead. The Beavers were never able to cut their rival's advantage below six points thereafter.

Paul Valenti led the Beaver scoring with 12 points and was followed by Frank Mandic with nine.

Washington State College 40 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, February 10, 1940.

Oregon State lengthened its lead in the championship race as it came back to defeat W.S.C. 44-to-40. The victory gave the winning Beavers an even break in the four-game series with the ever-dangerous

Cougars. Although Washington State never held the lead, the visitors seemed twice at the threshold of victory. Oregon State drew heavily on its sophomores, frequently having three on the court at once. John Mandic had the range and led all scorers with 14 points.

The Beavers took a slight lead at the start, but the score was tied at 3-3; 4-4; and 6-6 before Paul Valenti, John Mandic, and Al Hunter set off a Beaver rally which at its peak produced a 23-to-12 lead. The half-time lead favored the Beavers 23-to-18.

The Cougars kept coming in the second half and tied the score three times, 25-25; 33-33; and 35-35 before Al Hunter, with two long shots, finally put the Beavers ahead 39-to-35.

As an extra attraction on this great basketball weekend, the Pacific Coast Conference championship team of 1933 was introduced at half time of the second game. Before the game the champs had a banquet at Wagner's restaurant and a post-game get-together at the home of Coach Slat's Gill. Those present were Captain and All-American Ed Lewis, Skeet O'Connell, George Hibbard, Carl Lentchitsky, Red MacDonald, Wally Palmberg, Merle Taylor, Ed Davis, Bob Lucas, Fred Hill, Clarence James, and Snowy Gustafson.

The Beavers now had a record of 10 wins and two losses in their 12 games. Leading the scoring parade for the Orangemen was John Mandic with a total of 99 points which also gave him second place in conference standings. Following Mandic in the Beaver scoring column was Paul Valenti 83; Al Hunter 79; Tony Romano 67; and Frank Mandic 59.

But after this crucial series, the Oregon State Beavers went to Eugene for the toughest game of the season against the University of Oregon.

Oregon's McArthur Court was packed with a capacity crowd of 6500, and despite their two previous setbacks by the Beavers, the Webfoots were confident they could come out victorious.

University of Oregon 27 -- O.S.C. 33, Eugene, Oregon, February 17, 1940.

The Beavers virtually had their first basketball championship since 1935 as they defeated Oregon for the third straight time. The score was 33-to-27.

This victory increased their lead to three full games and could insure a championship by winning one game out of the remaining three. It was a great second half rally which brought the Beavers their victory and a great exhibition of scoring by John Mandic who scored 13 points after being held scoreless during the first half.

Oregon outplayed the Orangemen during the first half and gained a 14-to-9 lead at the intermission. But at the start of the second half, Oregon stretched their lead to 16-to-9 before Big John Mandic went into action. With the score 13-to-19 for Oregon, John Mandic tipped in two rebounds and a free-throw to make it 18-to-19 before John Dick scored a basket and a free-throw to give Oregon a four-point lead. John Mandic stole the ball and scored to make it 20-to-22. Afterwards Paul Jackson scored a free throw for Oregon, and Tony Romano and John Mandic hit field goals to put Oregon State finally in

the lead 24-to-23. After the score was tied at 26-all, Al Hunter and John Mandic teamed up to score seven points and post a lead which was marred only by an Oregon free throw in the final minutes.

All of Oregon State's scoring was done by four men: John Mandic 13; Frank Mandic 7; Tony Romano 6; and Al Hunter 7.

For their final game against the University of Oregon, Gill directed all efforts toward improving his team's offense. The Beavers had two objectives in mind for the coming contest; first, to beat Oregon and clinch the Northern Division championship; and second, to make it four straight for the fifth time in the history of the competition. The four straight years were in 1917, 1918, 1922, and 1933. Frank Mandic, although suffering from a heavy cold, was declared ready for the big game.

University of Oregon 41 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, February 23, 1940.

Oregon State's plan for clinching the championship and winning four straight was never accomplished, for the University of Oregon pulled an upset and defeated the Beavers 41-to-38. It was Oregon's only victory over O.S.C. in the four games played. The game was a dog fight for the first half and the first five minutes of the second, but after that Oregon whipped together a seven-point lead. Oregon State made several assaults on the lead but never chopped it below three points.

With the two Mandic brothers, John and Frank, the Beavers were

in the ball game all the way through the first half and were trailing only by one point at the intermission, 17-to-16.

The neck-and-neck battling continued throughout the first five minutes of the second half until Oregon ran up seven points in scarcely more than a minute. That rally put Oregon up, 25-to-18, and they never surrendered the lead.

This encounter ended with near fisticuffs. Frank Mandic and Vic Townsend squared off after a pile-up on the floor. Both were banished before punches were tossed. Oregon State's scoring was mostly done by John Mandic with 10 points. Frank Mandic and Tony Romano had 9 and 7 respectively.

With this defeat the Beavers' pennant hopes had to be delayed another week until the Washington series in Seattle was played. Oregon State at this point was leading the University of Oregon by one game, and a victory for the Beavers coupled with a Webfoot loss would definitely give Oregon State the championship. A Beaver win along with an Oregon win could still leave the title unsettled. If the Beavers won both games and Oregon won her two the title would still go to Oregon State.

University of Washington 31 -- O.S.C. 46, Seattle, Washington, March 1, 1940.

With a must-win situation staring them in the face, the Orangemen went to work like champions and came out as champions as they defeated the University of Washington 46-to-31. In the meantime W.S.C. was defeating Oregon, 62-to-57.

Washington looked as if they might stage an upset at times, but when the heat was on, Oregon State pulled away with little trouble. It was a battle through the first half as Washington kept pace with the Beavers and were trailing by one point at the intermission, 19-to-18.

For one period of ten and a half minutes in the second half the Huskies were unable to sink a single field goal. Finally, a minute before the end of the game the drought was broken with a field goal. The bulk of the credit for Oregon State's victory had to go to Frank Mandic for his great work both offensively and defensively. Defensively he did a tremendous job in holding Bob Lindh, the conference's leading scorer, to one field goal. Offensively, he carried the scoring load, along with his running mate, Tony Romano, as they both scored 12 points.

The victory sent Oregon State to Los Angeles to play the University of Southern California, champions of the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference, March 8 and 9, with the third game March 11, if one was needed.

University of Washington 41 -- O.S.C. 35, Seattle, Washington, March 2, 1940.

The Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference closed in anti-climactic fashion the following night with both first and second place teams losing their games.

Washington downed the Beavers, 41-to-35, and Washington State defeated the University of Oregon, 55-to-54 at Pullman.

The final individual scoring totals for the Beavers after sixteen conference games were; John Mandic 138; Al Hunter 103; Tony Romano 98; Frank Mandic 92; Paul Valenti 85; Jack Mulder 38; Clayton Shaw 25; Don Stitt 3; Merle Krueger 3; Sam Dement 2; and Stu Warren 1.

Play-off Series with University of Southern California.

Oregon State's Northern Division champions were picked by all as definite underdogs in the play-off series with the strong University of Southern California quintet.

Coach "Slats" Gill in an interview in Portland made the statement: "The kids played great basketball at Seattle to win the title, and they know they've got the toughest job ahead of them. They can be taken" (20, p.240).

The Beavers had a decided height advantage as the Trojans averaged six feet per man against the Beavers' six feet three inches.

After a student rally, the championship Beavers left for Los Angeles on Tuesday night, March 5, 1940, by train.

Players making the trip were Frank and John Mandic, Tony Romano, Al Hunter, Paul Valenti, Clayton Shaw, Merle Kruger, Don Stitt, Sam Dement and Stu Warren. Student manager Ken Dahl also accompanied the team.

The Beavers arrived in Los Angeles Thursday, March 7, and had a final workout before going into the championship series. According to Los Angeles sports writers, the Beavers looked impressive in their workout, but the press still kept Southern California in the favorite's role.

University of Southern California 54 -- O.S.C. 41, Los Angeles, California, March 8, 1940.

In the first game of the series the Beavers ran up against a whirlwind Southern California quintet and suffered a 54-to-41 defeat.

Oregon State's defense could not hold All-American Ralph Vaughn and post man Dale Sears, who scored thirty-two points between them.

"We are going to run 'em dizzy," (21, p.262) Coach Sam Barry said before the game. The Trojans did just that.

After six and a half minutes of play in the first half, the Trojans broke a 7-to-7 tie and never did surrender the lead. At half time it was 25-to-16 in their favor, and in the second half they were never less than six points in front.

Oregon State's high scorer was John Mandic with 11 points, but Clayton Shaw got hot late in the game and ended up with 10 points. Shaw began sharpshooting from far out to cage three long shots in fast succession. Al Hunter was the third Orange scorer with eight.

The win gave Southern California a big edge on the championship. Close to 6,000 fans saw the game in the Shrine Auditorium.

University of Southern California 63 -- O.S.C. 26, Los Angeles, California, March 9, 1940.

Southern California won the Pacific Coast Conference championship by making it two straight over the Beavers, 63-to-26. The Trojans were too fast, too accurate in their shooting for the rangier Beavers. L. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Portland Oregonian, in his post-game article, said: "The Oregon State kids weren't disgraced in any

sense, they just ran into a team that was altogether too good for them, and that unquestionably would be altogether too good for anything in the Northwest at this writing" (22, p.280).

The Beavers were greatly handicapped by the loss of John Mandic. Owing to an old fracture which was broken open in a rolling fall on the first scrimmage of the Friday night contest, his right hand was so stiff he couldn't have done much.

During the first half, the Trojans had complete control as they rolled to a 32-to-14 advantage. The second half only added to the margin of tallies. At the finish the Trojans had scored 25 field goals at Oregon State's nine.

For Oregon State, Al Hunter was high with eight points, and Clayton Shaw followed him with seven.

The Beavers started hom on Sunday, March 11, then on March 29 boarded the Matsen Lines Lurline and sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu, Hawaii, for a series of games there.

#### Hawaiian Trip.

The Oregon State College basketball team left for San Francisco on the first part of their trip to Honolulu, on March 27, 1940. Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Gill and the Orangemen, champions of the Northern Division, Frank Mandic, Tony Romano, Al Hunter, Paul Valenti, John Mandic, Clayton Shaw, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Don Stitt, Merle Kruger, Stu Warren, and Ken Dahl, student manager.

Sailing date for the Beavers from San Francisco was March 29,

1940 on the Matsen Line's SS Lurline.

The trip was greatly enjoyed by all members of the group except for the times when seasickness took over. Mr. and Mrs. Gill, along with Paul Valenti seemed to lead the parade to the rail.

Traveling with the Beavers was Roy "Spec" Keene, Athletic Director at Willamette University. Mr. Keene was making the trip with hopes of scheduling some football games for his institution against suitable opponents in Honolulu.

Upon the Beavers' arrival in Honolulu the group was tendered a most colorful reception by the committee in charge of the team's invasion of Honolulu. Going aboard to greet the Beavers were hula girls armed with leis, student representatives, President Marshall Hjelte, Oregon State alumnus; and delegates and members of the Hawaiian A.A.U. Basketball committee together with Messrs. Al Karasick and Joe Neves of the Civic Auditorium.

After landing the Beavers were taken to the Pleasanton Hotel for another reception. Hawaiian fruits were placed at the disposal of the Orangemen during the reception. On the afternoon of the arrival day the Beavers staged a lengthy workout at the Civic Auditorium.

Coca Cola 35 -- O.S.C. 41, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 29 - April 4, 1940.

During the first game of the Honolulu invasion the Beavers ran into their stiffest competition of the trip when they defeated the A.A.U. Coca Cola team, 41-to-35. The Coc's had a sprinkling of ex-stateside stars, and one in particular, Bob Etnire, did very well, scoring 19 points against the Northern Division champions. Another outstanding

Coca Cola star was Ah Chew Goo, a luminary in Honolulu basketball for many years. Very small in stature, Goo put on a very clever demonstration of ball handling and ball hawking.

Oregon State was led to victory by Tony Romano, Paul Valenti, and John Mandic who scored 11, 10, and 8 points respectively.

A crowd of 3,000 turned out for the Beaver opening contest.

Scores and opponents of the remainder of the Beavers' games were:

O.S.C. 43	-- Oronwells 20
O.S.C. 53	-- Charlie Chan 33
O.S.C. 49	-- U. of Hawaii 39
O.S.C. 56	-- South Seas 38
O.S.C. 85	-- Ewa Plantation 25
O.S.C. 38	-- All-Stars 25

Big Frank Mandic was the only Beaver casualty during the trip as he was handicapped by an infected knee which kept him out of all but three games.

Leading scorer of the trip was Jack Mulder with 79 points and was followed in order by Paul Valenti 54; Tony Romano 52; John Mandic 51; Al Hunter 48; Sam Dement 26; Clayton Shaw, Don Stitt, and Merle Kruger 12 apiece; Stu Warren 10, and Frank Mandic 8.

Al Hunter led all Beaver players in receiving all-star recognition as he was given a place on the All-Pacific Coast Conference team.

Others who made various all-opponent and all-star teams were John Mandic, Frank Mandic, and Paul Valenti.

Leading scorer for conference play, not including play-offs,

was John Mandic with 138 points followed by Al Hunter 103; Tony Romano 98; Frank Mandic 92; Paul Valenti 85; Jack Mulder 38; Clayton Shaw 25; Don Stitt 3; Merle Kruger 3; Sam Dement 2; and Stu Warren 1.

Varsity award winners were Sam Dement, Al Hunter, Frank Mandic, John Mandic, Jack Mulder, Tony Romano, Clayton Shaw, Don Stitt, and Paul Valenti.

Oregon State's season record was 28 games won and 10 games lost.

## 1940-41 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Slats Gill started making preparation for the 1940-41 hoop season with a nucleus of seven holdovers from the 1940 championship team. The two sophomore regulars of last year's team, John Mandic and Paul Valenti led the list. Returning with these two were Clayton Shaw, Don Stitt, Merle Kruger, Jack Mulder and Sam Dement. New men were Don Durdan, Don Frederickson, Don Stubberfield, Dave Mariani, Doug Martin, Ted Henningsen, Don Hall, and George McNutt.

The Beavers worked hard during their practice sessions in order to get ready for a strenuous 12-game preseason schedule of which eight games were played in the Rocky Mountain area and one in Baker, Oregon.

An 11-man squad was named by Coach Slats Gill to make the road trip during the Christmas holidays.

Named to the squad were John Mandic, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Don Hall, George McNutt, Doug Martin, Ted Henningsen, Paul Valenti, Clayton Shaw, Don Stitt, and Merle Kruger.

Up to departure time the starting quintet included Jack Mulder and George McNutt, forwards; John Mandic, center; Paul Valenti and Clayton Shaw, guards.

Gene Sharp, senior student manager, was unable to make the trip owing to illness. In his place went Cliff Leuhrs, junior manager.

University of Idaho Southern Branch 29 -- O.S.C. 45, Pocatello, Idaho,  
December 12, 1940.

Oregon State opened its barnstorming tour with a 45-to-29 win over the University of Idaho, Southern Branch. George McNutt starred for the Beavers, scoring 15 points. His scoring gave Oregon State an early lead which was never lost. The Idahoans were helpless against the tough Beaver defense and only one man, Raush, could score consistently against the Beavers. He netted 13 points. Other main Beaver scorers were Jack Mulder with seven, Clayton Shaw eight, and Merle Kruger eight.

Utah State College 26 -- O.S.C. 43, Logan, Utah, December 13, 1940.

Oregon State moved into Logan, Utah, for the next contest and came up with a 43-to-26 victory over the Utah State College quintet.

The outcome was never in doubt as the polished Beavers gained an early lead. At half-time the Beavers were resting on a 26-to-13 lead. In the last half, Utah State broke loose in a scoring spree that came within nine points of the Orangemen but that was as close as they could get.

Captain John Mandic, Jack Mulder, and George McNutt split scoring honors for the Beavers, each with seven points.

Utah State College 34 -- O.S.C. 39, Logan, Utah, December 14, 1940.

Their second encounter against the Utah Aggies saw the Beavers come from behind in the closing minutes of the first half and go on to gain a 39-to-34 victory. The contest was witnessed by an estimated crowd of 3,000 in the Aggies' fieldhouse.

Utah State, sparked by Captain Roland Reading, got off to a fast start and ran up an early lead. Late in the first period, however,

the Beaver offense began to click, and Oregon State led, 17-to-14, at half time. The Beavers held the edge from the opening of the second half until the final gun, with the Aggies' major threat coming late in the final period. A last-minute rally put Utah State within two points of the Orangemen, but two fast baskets by Sam Dement and Doug Martin protected the lead. Jack Mulder led all scorers with 11 points and was followed in the Oregon State column by Clayton Shaw with nine points.

Oregon State moved on to Boulder, Colorado and a two-game series with the 1940 Big Seven Conference champions, the University of Colorado.

University of Colorado 38 -- O.S.C. 29, Boulder, Colorado, December 16, 1940.

The Beavers ran into their first defeat of the current road trip as the University of Colorado rang up a 38-to-29 victory.

Oregon State took a small lead at the start of the game but lost it after five minutes of play. Colorado stayed well in the lead until the Orangemen tied the count at 21-all with ten minutes to play, then managed to pull ahead in a whirlwind finish.

Leason McChord was a thorn in the Beavers' side all through the contest as he rang up 17 points and led all scorers.

Captain John Mandic and George McNutt led the Beaver scoring with seven points each. Sam Dement and Paul Valenti followed with six and five points respectively.

University of Colorado 42 -- O.S.C. 41, Boulder, Colorado, December 17, 1940.

The Colorado Buffaloes made it two in a row over the Oregon State Beavers as they registered a 42-to-41 triumph. All through the contest the Beavers kept threatening and were leading the Buffaloes 41-to-39 in the closing minutes until a pint-sized guard from Colorado, Barney Oldham, tied the score on two free throws. Guard Martin Trotsky's free throw a few seconds later gave the Buffaloes their victory. After Trotsky's game-winning free throw the Beavers' Clayton Shaw tried a long shot which missed its mark, but the Beavers claimed Shaw had been fouled while in the act of shooting and a rhubarb followed but all was in vain as the officials registered the ball game as over.

George McNutt, the Beaver transfer forward from Pasadena Junior College, led the Orangemen in the scoring column with 13 points. He was followed by Paul Valenti with seven and John Mandic, Jack Mulder and Clayton Shaw all with six points.

Up to this time the Beavers' road trip record stood at three wins and two defeats as they headed for Denver, Colorado, and the Denver College Tournament which included Oregon State, Denver University, New Mexico University, Colorado College, and Colorado State College.

Colorado State College 31 -- O.S.C. 33, Denver, Colorado, December 19, 1940.

The Beavers' opening opponent was Colorado State College and the Orangemen came through with a narrow 33-to-31 victory. Colorado

State couldn't stand first-half prosperity, which produced a 20-to-16 lead at the intermission and fell before Oregon State's second-half offensive. Along with their strong second-half offensive the Beavers threw up a stout defense which held the Colorado team to one field goal in the first 15 minutes of the second half. The Beavers, led by John Mandic, George McNutt and Jack Mulder, turned the half-time deficit into a 26-to-20 lead early in the second half. With one and a half minutes to go, the Beavers held a two-point lead, but they held onto the ball and stalled to victory.

Big Jack Mulder led the Orangemen to victory with his ten points and was followed by John Mandic with six points and George McNutt with seven points.

Colorado College 36 -- O.S.C. 42, Denver, Colorado, December 20, 1940.

Oregon State won its second victory in the three-day Denver Tournament by defeating Colorado College 42-to-36 in an overtime contest.

The score was tied at 36-36 at the end of the regulation playing time. Colorado, which trailed 13-to-21 at half time, fought back strongly during the second half to gain the tie. A long shot by Bill Lewis, Colorado forward, with less than a minute to play, tied the score and sent the game into an overtime. Field goals by Clayton Shaw, and John Mandic and two free throws by George McNutt finally gave the Beavers their winning margin.

Captain John Mandic led all scorers with 14 points and was followed in the Beaver scoring column by George McNutt with nine.

Denver University 20 -- O.S.C. 27, Denver, Colorado, December 21, 1940.

The third outing for the Orangemen saw them win the Denver Intercollegiate Championship with their third straight victory of the tournament as they defeated Denver University 27-to-20.

Each of the other five teams in the tournament was beaten at least once. Denver had won two games and was ahead for most of the game until Paul Valenti's accurate shooting put the Beavers in front.

Valenti, who had been scoring only lightly during the Beavers' tour came off the bench to collect 16 points, mostly on long shots. With the score 15-to-15 after six minutes of play in the second half, Valenti hit a field goal from the side and followed with a set shot that gave the Orangemen the lead for the first time and then set up the eventual victory.

Willamette University 43 -- O.S.C. 47, Baker, Oregon, December 23, 1940.

After their very successful invasion of the Rocky Mountain area, the Beavers packed their bags and headed West with a stopover in Baker, Oregon, for a game against Willamette University. The Beavers were again victorious as they hung up their seventh win as against two losses in defeating Willamette University by the score of 47-to-43. Two field goals in the last 25 seconds of play gave the Orangemen their victory. Oregon State led in the contest until two and a half minutes of the final gun when Willamette tied the score at 43-all. The Bearcats had to overcome a 17-point deficit before gaining the tie. Oregon State's two winning baskets were scored by Sam Dement and George McNatt.

John Mandic scored 14 points in leading the Beavers to their victory before over 1,200 Baker basketball fans. Following John were Jack Mulder and Paul Valenti with eight points apiece.

The Beavers returned to the campus on Christmas Eve, and after Christmas Day off they resumed practice for their coming encounter with the University of Nebraska on December 30.

George McNutt, transfer from Pasadena J.C. led all Oregon State scorers on the Rocky Mountain invasion with a total of 67 points for nine games. Following in order for the nine games were John Mandic 63; Jack Mulder 52; Paul Valenti 47; Sam Dement 37; Clayton Shaw 33; Don Stitt for eight games 23; and Merle Kruger for eight games scored 16 points. Doug Martin for seven games five points; Ted Henningsen for six games three points; and Dan Hall for four games no points scored.

University of Nebraska 38 -- O.S.C. 61, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1940.

The Beavers unleashed a fast-breaking offense in defeating the University of Nebraska, in their first game of the year played at home, 61-to-38. Oregon State jumped into the lead early and maintained a torrid pace throughout the contest to beat the Cornhuskers soundly. The Beavers held a 27-to-22 lead at half time and went on to make the game a rout during the second half. John Mandic with 16 points, Don Stitt with 13, and Paul Valenti with 10 points led the strong Beaver attack.

The University of Utah furnished the Beavers with their final two games of the preseason schedule. Utah, who defeated Oregon State twice during the 1939-40 campaign, came to Corvallis with practically the same squad.

Oregon State was looking forward to the two games, for they hoped to avenge the two defeats hung on them by the Utes.

Coach "Slats" Gill announced that Don Durdan, a freshman star of two years back, was ready to play his first varsity game. Durdan didn't turn out for basketball during the 1939-40 campaign for he was in the Hawaiian Islands with the football team through the early part of the hoop season.

University of Utah 37 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 3, 1941.

Oregon State overcame a scrappy Utah University team to gain a 42-to-37 victory and avenge the previous year's defeats at the hands of the Utes.

George McNutt started the scoring for the Beavers with a tip-in, and from that point on the Orangemen maintained a lead throughout the first half. The half ended 19-to-15.

After four minutes of the second half had gone by, Utah had worked to a 24-to-23 lead on the fine play of Val Sheffield and Vaughn Bennison.

At this point Don Durdan was inserted into the contest and in turn furnished the spark as he intercepted a pass and dribbled in for a lay-in to put the Beavers ahead 25-to-24. The Beavers never lost the lead thereafter.

Leading scorers for Oregon State were Paul Valenti and John Mandic with 10 and 9 points respectively. George McNutt was close behind with 8.

University of Utah 36 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 4, 1941.

The Beavers closed their preseason schedule with a 42-to-36 victory over the tough University of Utah team.

This fracas was close all the way; the biggest margin for either team was Oregon State's seven-point lead at half time, 25-to-18, which was achieved largely through two long field goals dropped through in the final moments of the first period by Paul Valenti.

In the second half the Utah quintet never managed to get ahead, though they came within two points at 34-to-32. The Beavers' Paul Valenti sparked the Orange victory, sinking several long shots to pull them out of trouble. George McNutt shared scoring honors with Valenti, both men scoring 10 points. Don Durdan continued his fine play since joining the Orangemen and came through with seven points.

Oregon State ended the preseason schedule with a 10-win and 2-loss record. Leading the scoring parade were George McNutt 93, John Mandic 90, Paul Valenti 77, and Jack Mulder 63.

The Orangemen had three days to prepare themselves to open their defense of the Northern Division championship against the Washington State Cougars.

Both the Beavers and the Cougars were placed in the "dark horse" category of the Conference. Each team looked good in the

preseason contests.

Slats Gill planned to use the starting lineup of George McNutt, Jack Mulder forwards; John Mandic, center; Paul Valenti and Clayton Shaw, guards.

### Conference Games.

Washington State College 39 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon, January 7, 1941.

Oregon State came from behind during the second half to defeat Washington State 45-to-39. With less than a minute remaining in the half, forward John Harper broke a 17-17 deadlock with a field goal that gave the Cougars a 20-to-17 half-time lead. Going into the second half the Beavers were greatly handicapped as they were minus the services of Big John Mandic who had been banished late in the first half on four personals. Washington State increased their half-time lead when Dale Gentry, Cougar forward, scored the first field goal of the second half. The Cougars then led until Dan Hall, substitute center for Oregon State, sank a field goal with seven minutes remaining to tie the score at 33-to-33. Oregon State went ahead 35-to-33 on a field goal by Paul Valenti, but it was a short-lived advantage as Washington State again tied the score at 35-35. The count was deadlocked twice more at 37-37 and 39-39 before Oregon State pulled ahead and stayed there. With less than three minutes left, George McNutt dropped in three field goals in rapid succession to sew up the contest and give the Beavers their conference opener. George McNutt and Paul

Valenti led the Beaver scoring parade with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, January 8, 1941.

In the second meeting of the two teams, the Oregon State fans saw one of the greatest comebacks ever made by an Oregon State basketball team as they overcame a 16-point disadvantage at half time to gain a 44-to-42 victory. Hysterical fans swarmed out of the bleachers and gave the players an ovation as great as they could have received for winning the championship.

Held to three field goals in the first half and behind 26-to-10, Oregon State in turn held the Cougars to four baskets in the second half. There really wasn't much of a contest in the opening period. The Beavers couldn't do anything right. It took two and one-half minutes for anybody to score. Ray Lundquist, Cougar guard, hit a field goal from the side with George McNutt tying the count a few seconds later. The Beavers then went slightly over 12 minutes before Paul Valenti scored from way out for their second field goal.

During the second half Oregon State substitutes, Sam Dement, Don Durdan, and Clayton Shaw, carried the load and led the Beavers to their victory. Clayton Shaw, playing his best game, led the Beavers at the start of the second half to within four points of the Cougars with 11 minutes left to play. As Washington State clamped down on Shaw, Jack Mulder took over the Beavers and within five minutes had

sparked Oregon State to its first lead of the game 35-to-34.

Washington State lost two key men as the battle waxed hot, Center Paul Lindeman and Forward Dal Gentry going out on fouls.

With their two aces out, Marvin Gilberg took over and put the Cougars in front, 36-to-35, but Jack Mulder made it 38-to-36 for the Orange. The score kept see-sawing back and forth until only two minutes and 10 seconds were left to play. At this point John Mandic put the Orangemen ahead for good when he scored on a rebound. A free throw by Jack Mulder gave the Beavers a four-point lead, just enough to make futile a last second Cougar basket.

It was the great clutch playing of Clayton Shaw, Jack Mulder, and John Mandic that gave the Beavers the victory. Most of the scoring was done by these three men as they accounted for 35 of the team's 44 points. Clayton Shaw had 12, Jack Mulder 13, and John Mandic 10.

After this great series the Beavers had nine days to get themselves prepared for their encounter against the University of Oregon.

The Beavers were favored to beat the Ducks by virtue of their two wins over Washington State while the Ducks had lost two to the Cougars.

Slats Gill warned his players, though, telling them: "I saw the Oregon boys play last weekend and I'm convinced they just aren't in stride yet. They weren't right against Washington State" (23, p.76).

University of Oregon 41 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, January 17, 1941.

Coming from behind in the second half, the University of Oregon defeated Oregon State 41-to-31.

The contest was a rough affair with two Oregon players and two O.S.C. hooplers, Sam Dement and John Mandic, being ruled out of competition. Big John was ejected because of unnecessary roughness. Referee Frank Heniges stopped the play late in the second period to restore order. Heniges threatened to clear out the O.S.C. students in the first row on the south end of the court.

Oregon State had a two-point advantage at the end of a tight defensive first half, 14-to-12. George McNutt started the scoring after 35 seconds of play. Oregon ran the count to 10-to-5 when Slat Gill sent in Sam Dement and Don Durdan who rallied the Beavers and pulled them ahead at the half. Shortly after the start of the second half Oregon tied the score at 18-all and went into the lead a few minutes later and maintained it throughout the rest of the contest. A tremendous rally by the Ducks in the final eight minutes of the game turned the nip-and-tuck contest upside down. The Beavers were led in the scoring department by George McNutt, John Mandic, and Jack Mulder with 8, 7, and 6 points respectively.

This defeat at the hands of Oregon left the Orangemen with a record of two-wins and one-loss and second place in the conference standings.

An eleven-man traveling squad along with Coach Gill and

Student Manager Cliff Leuhrs left Corvallis Thursday morning, January 23, for Seattle, Washington, and another important series against the University of Washington.

Players making the trip were George McNutt, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Don Hall, Ted Henningsen, John Mandic, Clayton Shaw, Don Durdan, Paul Valenti, Don Stitt, and Merle Kruger.

University of Washington 40 -- O.S.C. 34, Seattle, Washington,  
January 24, 1941.

The Beavers ran into a high flying Washington quintet and lost their second straight, 40-to-34.

The contest started out as a nip-and-tuck affair, and after five minutes went by, the Huskies started to pull away until they led at half time 23-to-13. At one time during the half the Beavers went for six minutes without scoring a field goal until Paul Valenti broke the ice with a lay-in.

In the second half the Huskies maintained their fast pace until with 14 minutes gone and the score 34-to-21, John Mandic, George McNutt and Paul Valenti all made quick baskets. These, with several free throws, cut the 13 points down so fast that when Sam Dement got a lay-in with only four minutes left, the Washington margin was just four points. The Huskies came back with three points to clinch their victory. In the scoring department the Beavers were led by John Mandic and Paul Valenti with 10 and 7 points respectively.

University of Washington 34 -- O.S.C. 33, Seattle, Washington,  
January 25, 1941.

The University of Washington put a Frank Merriwill finish to their basketball game as they defeated Oregon State 34-to-33. Washington came from behind in the final minutes of the game to overcome a five-point lead, keeping 7,500 spectators tense with excitement in the process.

The first half ended 17-to-14 in the Beavers' favor. The Huskies were baffled by the always tough Oregon State zone defense, and the ball control game being played also bothered the Huskies. During the second half the Beavers maintained their steady pace and with five minutes remaining had a 37-to-32 lead. At this point the Huskies called time and got their forces organized. Hardly had play resumed when Wally Leask dribbled down the floor and scored from outside the keyhole. This was followed by Chuck Gilmore's field goal on a pass from Norman Dalthrop. O.S.C. still led 32-to-31. But another quick basket by the Huskies gave them a 33-to-32 lead with two minutes left to play. In turn the Beavers came back and tied the score on John Mandic's free toss, 33-to-33. With just over a minute to play, Washington worked the ball in but missed a shot, and O.S.C. promptly drove back to scoring territory. It was then that Wally Leask took the ball off the boards and heaved a long pass to Norman Dalthrop who was pushed by Don Durdan and awarded a two-shot foul. His first attempt was good, which gave Washington its victory.

Big John Mandic led the Beaver attack with 14 points and was

followed by Don Durdan and Paul Valenti with six points each.

With five games played in conference action the Beavers were in third place with a record of two wins and three losses.

The Orangemen's next games were against the University of Washington and this time were played in Corvallis. It was called a do-or-die series for the Beavers.

University of Washington 33 -- O.S.C. 36, Corvallis, Oregon, January 31, 1941.

Washington was handed a stunning defeat by the tough Beavers in the opening game of their second series. The score was 36-to-33. The galloping Huskies were slowed to a snail's pace by the Orangemen's zone defense, and 11 minutes went by before Washington could score a field goal. At this point the Huskies started cutting the Beaver lead and at four minutes left in the first half the score was tied at 10-all. With Captain John Mandic and Sam Dement leading the way, the Beavers worked up to a 16-to-12 lead at half time.

The second half was Oregon State all the way as Washington was able to penetrate their zone defense for only one field goal and three free throws in the first 12 minutes. In the meantime the Staters added 10 points. John Mandic and George McNutt were the big guns for Oregon State in the second half and between them widened the lead to 10 points at 29-to-19 with three minutes remaining. The closest Washington came to the Beavers in the final half was three points and that was at the outset of the half.

Captain John Mandic with 14 points and George McNutt with nine

points were the leading point getters for the Orangemen.

University of Washington 28 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, February 1, 1941.

In the second game of the series at Corvallis the Beavers tumbled the Huskies from the conference lead with a 34-to-28 victory. The Orange victory evened the pre-game series.

Washington ran up a 6-to-1 lead in four minutes, but two field goals by Paul Valenti and one by George McNutt put the Staters ahead 7-to-6.

The count see-sawed until Washington led 13-to-12 with seven minutes left in the half. For five minutes the score remained the same, and then Sam Dement sank a field goal and Captain John Mandic added two more to put Oregon State in the lead, 18-to-13 at the end of the half.

Washington came back strong and knotted the count at 18-to-18 after two minutes of the final session. Paul Valenti again came to the rescue and put the Beavers ahead with a long shot. After that Oregon State was always in front, although its lead was not great enough to be safe at any time. The Beavers stalled most of the last five minutes to protect this advantage.

In the scoring column for the Beavers it was Paul Valenti with 13 points and John Mandic with 10.

After this very successful series the Beavers still held third place in the conference standings with a respectable four wins and two losses record.

University of Oregon 36 -- O.S.C. 35, Eugene, Oregon, February 8, 1941.

A capacity crowd of 6,500 basketball fans witnessed the second game of the Oregon State vs. Oregon four-game series.

The game played in Eugene saw Forward Hank Anderson of Oregon enter the game with the score tied and a minute and a half left to play in the overtime. It was just long enough for him to sink the winning basket. Oregon State, attempting to make up for their previous defeat by Oregon, held a 17-to-10 lead at half time but was tied 29-29 with three minutes left to play and tied again 31-31 just before the end of the regular playing period.

The Beavers dominated the first half and increased their lead at the start of the final session, but couldn't withstand Oregon's driving power. The Webfoots climbed steadily until the count was deadlocked at 29-29 with only three minutes of regular playing time remaining. Sam Dement put the Beavers ahead 31-to-29 with minutes to play, but the Staters could not hold the lead as Bill Borchert, Oregon center, tied the count again, necessitating a five-minute overtime.

The Beavers' Clayton Shaw was the first overtime scorer, but was followed closely by Oregon's Archie Marshik, making the count 33-to-33.

A field goal by John Mandic put the Beavers ahead 35-to-33, but Porky Andrews, Oregon guard, reduced it to 35-to-34 a few seconds later by making good in one of two free throws. It was at this point that Hank Anderson entered the game and produced his game-winning field

goal.

Leading the Beavers were Captain John Mandic and Sam Dement as they scored 14 and 10 points respectively.

After this defeat, the Beavers looked ahead to their coming series with the University of Idaho.

At this time the Beavers were on the ragged edge of defeat with a total of four losses, and they saw the necessity of winning all subsequent games to keep pace with the Washington State Cougars.

University of Idaho 19 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, February 17, 1941.

Oregon State moved into second place in the Northern Division basketball race by scoring a 43-to-19 victory over the University of Idaho.

The victory made the second-place Staters' record read five wins against four losses. The Staters were never behind after guard Paul Valenti, the game's high scorer with 10 points, put them ahead 2-to-0 at the two-minute mark. Idaho knotted the count at 2-2 but Don Durdan came back with a field goal that pushed the Beavers ahead.

Oregon State added to its 4-to-2 advantage until it was increased to 19-to-10 at half time.

The Beavers increased their advantage to 29-to-10 after five minutes of the final half and then just marked time until the final whistle.

Nine Beavers saw service in the lopsided victory. Jack Mulder,

Sam Dement, George McNutt, Don Hall, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Don Durdan, Clayton Shaw, and Ted Henningsen.

University of Idaho 35 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, February 18, 1941.

The Idaho Vandals put up a whale of a battle in the second contest against the Beavers before the Beavers emerged victorious 41-to-35.

Oregon State started in the lead and stayed there until the clock showed 17 minutes gone in the first half. At that point Irving Hopkins, Vandal guard, drove down the end line to cage a field goal and put Idaho ahead, 16-to-15. A minute and a half later Clayton Shaw put the Beavers ahead with two free throws. The score remained 17-to-16 until the gun sounded at half time.

The second half started with Ron Harris, Vandal forward, scoring a free throw after only 30 seconds of play to tie the score at 17-17. Forty-five seconds later Mike Sullivan, Idaho forward, put the Idahomen ahead, 19-to-17, and there they stayed for the next seven minutes.

The clock showed eight minutes and 15 seconds gone when Sam Dement hit on one from the corner for Oregon State to tie the score at 25-25. Idaho came back and again went ahead, this time 27-to-25. Then Don Durdan caged two free throws to tie it once more at 27-27 with the second half exactly half gone. One minute later Jack Mulder scored for the Beavers on a long one-hander. From that time until the end the Vandals could get no closer than three points.

Jack Mulder paced the Beavers as he scored 10 points and was followed by three teammates who scored six points each, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, and George McNutt. Don Durdan was credited with sparking the Beavers when he entered the game halfway through the second half.

The victory kept the Beavers in the running for the championship with six wins and four losses. After their ten games Captain John Mandic led all Beaver scorers with a total of 95 points. He was followed by Paul Valenti 62; George McNutt 57; Jack Mulder 49; Sam Dement 45; Clayton Shaw 30; and Don Durdan 29.

University of Oregon 23 -- O.S.C. 24, Corvallis, Oregon, February 22, 1941.

Paul Valenti's free throw with six seconds to go gave the Beavers their first victory of the season over the University of Oregon 24-to-23.

Slim though the margin was, victory kept the dogged Beavers on Washington State's heels and left them with a mathematical chance to finish the season in a tie with the Cougars.

Oregon opened the scoring in record time. Jack Mulder fouled Vic Townsend, the Oregon guard, in the opening tip-off, and Townsend scored a free throw with only two seconds played. John Mandic evened things with a free throw and then sent the Beavers ahead only to have Oregon come back and go ahead 5-to-4. From this point on, the Ducks dominated play and ran up a 15-to-8 advantage at half time.

At the start of the second half, Jack Mulder put the Beavers

back in the ball game quickly as he caged three successive field goals, and Don Durdan added one to tie the score at 17-17. It was tied again at 19-19 but Oregon, with six minutes to play, scored twice to give a four point lead with little over three minutes left. John Mandic then came through with two quick field goals once again to tie the score at 23-23. With only seconds to go little Paul Jackson, Oregon guard, fouled Paul Valenti to set things up for the game-winning charity toss. Oregon called time out before Valenti's shot, but it didn't do any good as the Beaver guard stepped up and gave the Orangemen their victory. Oregon seized the ball after the shot and tried a long pass, but John Mandic deflected the long pass out of bounds and the game ended before the ball could be put in play.

Captain John Mandic again led his Beavers to victory with nine points to go along with tie-clinching baskets. Next to Mandic in the scoring came Jack Mulder with six points, all of which came at the start of the second half to put the Staters back in the game. Oregon State and Oregon looked forward to their final game of the series both with a goal in mind. Oregon State needed this one to stay in the race and Oregon wanted it in order to win the series. These statements came out of the rival camps: Captain John Mandic, Oregon State said, "We don't intend to lose another game this season. You can call that a vow if you like" (24, p.186); Captain Porky Andrews, Oregon stated, "We win two in a row and then give a game away. This time we don't feel so generous" (24, p.186).

University of Oregon 37 -- O.S.C. 36, Eugene, Oregon, February 27, 1941.

Oregon State's slim hopes of overtaking the league-leading Washington State Cougars crumbled, as the University of Oregon team stole a 37-to-36 victory at McArthur Court. Two free throws sunk by Oregon's George "Porky" Andrews with one minute seven seconds to play were the key shots of the Webfoot victory, the third over the Beavers this season. The count stood 36-35 for Oregon State. A foul was called on Paul Valenti, whose free throw beat Oregon in Corvallis, 24-to-23. Andrews was in the act of shooting when fouled, and so he was awarded two shots. He came through on both, making the score 37-to-36. The Beavers quickly took the ball out with but a minute remaining. Don Durdan cast off with a left-hander that was short, and the Webfoots grabbed the ball and started down court. Oregon State wildly attempting to regain possession of the ball, committed two fouls, one by Jack Mulder and the second by John Mandic, giving him four. The Ducks elected to take the ball out of bounds both times. Sam Dement had a chance to knot the score with 28 seconds left, but he missed and the ball game was Oregon's.

Captain John Mandic almost single-handedly kept the Beavers in the championship race as he played one of the greatest games of his college career. He scored six field goals and five free throws for a total of 17 points. His shooting percentage was terrific as his six field goals came on only seven shots and he missed only one free throw out of his six attempts.

The Beavers, now out of the Northern Division championship race, opened a swing of the Inland Empire. They tangled with Idaho at Moscow and Washington State at Pullman. Players making the trip were Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Don Durdan, Clayton Shaw, Merle Kruger, George McNutt, Don Hall, Doug Martin, Ted Henning-sen and Student Manager Gene Sharp.

University of Idaho 42 -- O.S.C. 35, Moscow, Idaho, March 4, 1941.

The Beavers lost their first game of the season to Idaho as the Vandals clipped the Beavers 42-to-35.

The Beavers' zone defense held the Vandals at bay early in the game, but before the first period was half over Idaho had taken the lead, holding it all the way and running it up as far as 14 points.

John Mandic, big Beaver center, was a constant menace to the Vandals. He scored six free throws and five field goals.

University of Idaho 32 -- O.S.C. 41, Moscow, Idaho, March 4, 1941.

Idaho closed its season with a 32-to-41 loss to Oregon State in a lightning fast basketball game. The game started with a rush that failed to subside until the final whistle. Idaho started the scoring with a field goal shortly after the contest opened. Idaho maintained the lead for the first five minutes, but the Beavers functioned in high gear to take over the lead at the six minute mark and hold it throughout the battle. At half time the score was Oregon State 20, Idaho 15.

During the second half the Beavers stretched the lead to

seven points. Idaho soon closed the gap to three points, where it remained during the majority of the time. Oregon State's final four points were made on fouls committed by Idaho men trying to gain possession of the ball. Leading the Beaver attack was Captain John Mandic with 12 points followed by George McNutt with nine points.

With this split with the University of Idaho, the Beavers held their second place position in the conference standings with a record of eight wins and six losses.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 37, Pullman, Washington, March 7, 1941.

The Beavers moved over to Pullman, Washington, for the season's closing series with Washington State College, the Northern Division champions.

Pushing their winning streak to 13 games to better the consecutive victory record, Washington State downed Oregon State 42-to-37.

The teams galloped through the first half at a hot scoring pace which saw Washington State lead 30-to-26 at half time. Eight times the lead changed and five times the count was tied during the first period.

The second half was an about-face from the high-gearred first period. Both teams slowed down. During the first eight minutes only two field goals were sunk, one by Washington State's Vern Butts and the other by George McNutt, Beaver forward.

Thirteen minutes along in the second half the Beavers made a brief challenge that brought the invaders within two points of the

champions at 36-to-34. The Cougars then regained their championship poise and went on to score their victory.

In the Beaver scoring department the points were spread out among five players with George McNutt leading the group with 10, Sam Dement and Don Hall with 8, and Paul Valenti 6, and John Mandic 4.

Washington State College 45 -- O.S.C. 50, Pullman, Washington, March 8, 1941.

In their final outing of the season the Beavers climaxed their mediocre year with a 50-to-45 victory over the Northern Division champions, Washington State. The victory gave the Oregon State Beavers the series, three games to one and the distinction of being the only team in the conference to defeat the Cougars.

Washington State opened the game in an impressive fashion and quickly worked to an 8-to-4 advantage. Three times after this the score was tied before Oregon State went ahead 19-to-17 on Captain John Mandic's hook shot. The Beavers held the lead until Washington State's Ray Sundquist's free throw again deadlocked the score two seconds before half time. With Captain John Mandic and George McNutt leading the way, Oregon State took over at the start of the second half on a field goal by George McNutt to go into the lead. The score was tied shortly after, but George McNutt came through again to give the Beavers a 30-to-28 lead which they never relinquished. Jack Mulder, O.S.C. regular, was not in uniform, having been sent to the Washington State infirmary with measles. John Mandic led all scorers with 20 points and George McNutt came next with 14 points.

With the season over the Beavers finished in undisputed possession of second place with a record of nine wins and seven losses. In preseason games Coach Gill's crew won nine out of eleven starts, giving them a record of 18 wins and 9 lost for the entire year.

John Mandic was far and away the best scorer of the team with a total of 171 points which also gave John second place in the individual scoring race for the Northern Division. Other Beaver scorers were George McNutt, 95; Paul Valenti, 90; Sam Dement, 70; Jack Mulder, 68; Clayton Shaw, 45; Don Durdan, 36; Don Hall, 24; Don Stitt, 0; and Ted Henningsen, 0.

Captain John Mandic led all Beavers in all-star selections as he was selected on the first team of all-northern division players. Paul Valenti was the other Beaver who received honors as he was selected on the player all-star team of the Northern Division.

Captain Mandic also received all-coast honors on the all-coast team selected by the coaches.

Receiving varsity awards were Sam Dement, Don Durdan, John Mandic, George McNutt, Jack Mulder, Clayton Shaw, Paul Valenti, and Don Hall.

## 1941-42 Basketball Season

### Preseason Prospects and Games.

One of the tightest races in history was expected in the Northern Division in 1942. Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State were the top contenders.

Oregon State had five seniors to compete against the outstanding teams from the state of Washington for the Northern Division championship. There were John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, and George McNutt.

Other members of the squad were Don Hall, one-year letterman; Doug Martin, varsity reserve; Lew Beck, Don Frederickson, Howard Jeffries, Bob Harvey, Budd Hoover, Don Malmberg, Bill McCluskey, sophomores; and Gene Holweger, sophomore transfer. Veteran Don Durdan was available for duty after the football season.

After a practice period of 20 days Coach Slat Gill had his squad pretty well in mind for the coming campaign; most of the burden would fall on the shoulders of Captain John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, George McNutt, Don Hall, sophomore Lew Beck, and veteran Don Durdan.

Prior to the opening game of the Beaver season, a scrimmage game with Linfield College was held. The unofficial score was 82-to-27 in favor of the Orangemen. With everybody on the Beaver squad seeing action, high point honors went to George McNutt with seven field goals. Gill Started his senior quintet of John Mandic, Paul Valenti, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, and George McNutt.

Willamette University 34 -- O.S.C. 44, Salem, Oregon, December 11, 1941.

Oregon State's basketeers opening their season preparatory to making their barnstorming trip to the Atlantic Coast, scored a 44-to-34 victory over the Willamette Bearcats at Salem. The crowd went away impressed with the showing of the Orangemen. With all the Orange line-up hitting the bucket, the Beavers drew away to a 13-to-2 lead in the first 10 minutes, but the Bearcats rallied a bit to close the gap to 20-to-12 at half time. Willamette came back strongly in the second half, and with ten minutes to play the opponents were only four points behind the Beavers at 29-to-24. The Bearcat drive was spearheaded by guard Jimmy Robertson. At this point the Beavers' John Mandic and George McNutt pushed in points to build back a 10-point margin at 32-to-28, and the difference was maintained to the end.

Leading the Orange scoring were George McNutt and Paul Valenti with 10 points each, Jack Mulder and John Mandic followed with eight and seven respectively.

After this opening victory the Beavers started looking forward to their invasion of the East. The Beavers were determined to make a good showing as they were the first Oregon State basketball team to invade the East and especially Madison Square Garden.

Multnomah Athletic Club 31 -- O.S.C. 47, Portland, Oregon, December 20, 1941.

Before entraining for the East, the Beavers played Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland and defeated them 47-to-31. Paul Valenti

led the Beavers in their victory. Valenti was constantly getting in the Clubmen's hair with pass interceptions, dribble steals, and spectacular shots. Little Jimmy Garber led Multnomah Club's resistance, which was fairly stiff for three quarters. The Winged M, coached by Ray Brooks, kept within hailing distance until the final quarter, trailing only 32-to-23 at the close of the third period. In the last quarter, though, the Beavers began running away. With Paul Valenti and Jack Mulder leading the way the Staters ran their score from 32-to-23 to 41-to-23 before the Clubmen could move. In the scoring department it was Sam Dement with 11 points and being followed by Jack Mulder and Paul Valenti who registered 10 points apiece.

Big John Mandic, the Beavers' All-American center, had a Charley horse, so he watched from the bench. (Just before leaving Corvallis on the trip, John Mandic was honored by being picked on Look magazine's "December All-American" basketball quintet by George Kirksey, United Press sports writer.)

With two victories under their belts the Beavers entrained for New York with stopovers in Baker, Oregon, and Buffalo, New York, for games. Making up the traveling squad were Coach Slat Gill, John Mandic, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Paul Valenti, George McNutt, Don Hall, Lew Beck, Doug Martin, Bob Harvey, Glen Warren, and Howard Jeffries; Bill McKalip, acting trainer, and Dale Ashenfelter, manager.

Utah State College 30 -- O.S.C. 46, Baker, Oregon, December 22, 1941.

The Beavers' first stopover on their trip was at Baker, Oregon,

where the Beavers stayed long enough to defeat the Utah State Aggies 46-to-30.

Captain John Mandic returned to the Beaver lineup and guided them to their victory. Mandic, one of the greatest centers in the nation, was the inspirational spark of the Beavers even though he played the contest under the handicap of his still bothersome Charley horse. Actual scoring spark of the Beavers, however, was Paul Valenti who scored 15 points to be the leading scorer of both teams. Utah State managed to stay in the ball game for the first 12 minutes and even managed to pull within two points of the Beavers. The Aggies converted four field goals in the first half for less than half of the total of their 17 points at the end of the half. The Beavers led at this point 24-to-17. During the second half the Beavers maintained their pace and combined good offense with good defense as they scored 22 points and in turn held the Utah Aggies to four field goals and 13 points. Eighteen fouls were called on the Beavers and only seven on the Aggies. Other scorers for the Beavers, besides Valenti, were Jack Mulder 4, Sam Dement 5, John Mandic 7, Lew Beck 6, Don Hall 2, George McNutt 5, and Doug Martin 2.

With a third victory under their belts, the Beavers entrained the next morning for Buffalo, New York, and their encounter with St. Bonaventure College of Allegheny, New York. In St. Bonaventure the Beavers were running into an undefeated team which had won four straight games. The game was played at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium. Also on the program was a second game featuring Wyoming

University and Canisius College of Buffalo.

St. Bonaventure College 33 -- O.S.C. 38, Buffalo, New York,  
December 27, 1941.

On the night of December 27, the Beavers opened their eastern invasion by defeating St. Bonaventure, 38-to-33, before 5,250 spectators. The Beavers ran up a 16-to-6 advantage midway through the first half on the one-handed shooting of George McNutt and Paul Valenti, but the Bonnies rallied to trail by 21-to-15 at half time. Oregon State maintained its pace during the second half until an inspired rally by the Bonnies with Frank Zabowski leading the way closed the gap in the closing minutes. The time ran out on St. Bonaventure to give the Beavers the victory.

George McNutt led the Beavers' scoring machine with 11 points.

Manhattan College 34 -- O.S.C. 47, New York, New York, December 29, 1941.

The invasion of Madison Square Garden by an Oregon State quintet was very successful as they defeated Manhattan College 47-to-34 before 14,337 fans. The Beavers impressed the Easterners with their size and ability to shoot one-handed. Of the 22 Oregon State field goals, 16 were one-handed. Manhattan gave the Orangemen quite a contest in the early part of the first half when the score was tied four times before Manhattan moved ahead 13-to-12 midway through the first period. That was the first and only time the Jaspers led. The hustling Beavers held Manhattan to two foul shots in the last eight minutes of the half and drove into a 23-to-15 lead at half time. Thereafter, Manhattan was

never closer than six points and were down 45-to-30 when Slat's Gill sent in a wave of substitutes with four minutes to go.

Leading the Beavers to their victory were John Mandic and Paul Valenti as they split scoring honors with 10 points each. Other scores for the Orangemen were George McNutt 9, Jack Mulder 6, Lew Beck 6, Don Hall 4, Sam Dement 2. Others seeing action were Bob Harvey, Doug Martin, Howard Jeffries, and Glen Warren.

The Beavers remained overnight in New York City and entrained the next morning for Indianapolis and their scheduled game with Butler University on New Year's night, January 1.

Oregon State arrived in Indianapolis in time for a short work-out in the huge Butler field house. After the short practice the team returned to the hotel and listened to the Beaver football team defeat Duke University in the Rose Bowl game at Durham, North Carolina. Slat's Gill had tried to make arrangements to play Duke's basketball team at this time but owing to scheduling difficulties it could not be worked out.

Butler University 35 -- O.S.C. 29, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 1, 1942.

With the thrill of their football brothers' winning the Rose Bowl still in their minds, the Beavers went down to defeat in the Butler field house by the score of 35-to-29. The Bulldogs' speed enabled them to win despite the height advantage of the Beavers. Butler held a 21-to-18 half-time lead.

During the second half the Beavers remained in striking distance, but they couldn't put enough baskets together to be able to catch the Bulldogs and thus went down to their first defeat. Captain John Mandic was the only Beaver who could score consistently, leading all scorers with 12 points.

The Beavers left Indianapolis for Springfield, Illinois, and an engagement with Texas A and M. This was the first collegiate contest held in the city of Springfield.

Texas A. & M. 30 -- O.S.C. 36, Springfield, Illinois, January 2, 1942.

With a record of five wins and one defeat the Beavers went into the intersectional contest against the Texas Aggies determined to start another winning stretch and did just that as they defeated their foe 36-to-30. The Beavers had everything their own way in the first half, piling up a 22-to-11 margin with big John Mandic leading the way. Paul Valenti opened the pointmaking, and then big John took over with the help of George McNutt and ran the half-time score to 22-to-11. Texas A. & M. came back strongly during the second half, while Mandic was resting his still-injured leg, and held the Orangemen to one field goal in nine minutes of play. The Aggies worked to a one-point lead, 25-to-24, just as Mandic returned to action. Paul Valenti's push shot tied it at 25-all, and his rebounder gave the Beavers the lead once again. Texas again tied the score, but a foul shot and a field goal put the Beavers in the lead to stay. A foul shot by Jack Mulder and two field goals by Sam Dement iced the contest for the Beavers.

Captain Mandic led all scorers with 14 points. Other Oregon State scorers were Paul Valenti 9, George McNutt and Sam Dement 6 each, and Jack Mulder 1.

Oregon State's busy Beavers, rated among the six best college basketball teams in the nation, left Springfield for Peoria, Illinois, where they met the strong Bradley Tech University quintet.

Bradley Tech University 47 -- O.S.C. 46, Peoria, Illinois, January 3, 1942.

In a thrilling and hard-fought overtime contest the Braves of Bradley Tech defeated the Beavers 47-to-46. The game was a rough-and-tumble affair in which 33 personal fouls were called, five men leaving the contest. Bradley lost Paul McCall and Bill Chenuge; and John Mandic, Sam Dement, and George McNutt were lost by the Beavers.

Bradley built up a 27-to-25 lead in the first half as they connected on 11 straight free throws. Oregon State led at one time 11-to-10 on a basket each by Sam Dement, Paul Valenti, two by John Mandic and a field goal and free throw by Lew Beck. The second half was a nip-and-tuck affair, since not more than four points ever separated the two teams. Oregon State kept in the contest all the way with Jack Mulder carrying the load in the scoring department along with George McNutt and Paul Valenti. With seconds to play, Bradley was leading 42-to-40 when Bradley's Bill Chenuge committed his fourth personal foul; Oregon State elected to take the ball out of bounds. The ball was fired in to Valenti who scored on a one-handed shot just shortly before the

final gun sounded. John Mandic gave the Beavers a lead shortly after the overtime period began before he committed his fourth foul. Chris Hansen, Brave center, made good on one of the two attempts and Bradley still trailed. Another free throw by Valenti gave the Beavers a two-point lead again. With seconds left to play, the Beavers held a 46-to-45 lead, but when Chris Hansen arched a shot at the basket which fell short, Stan Burkovich raced in under the hoop, caught the ball in the air and laid it in for what proved to be the winning basket. The Beavers had the ball after that for several shots at the basket, all of which went wild, and Bradley took its sixth victory of the season and the Beavers suffered their second loss. Leading the Orangemen in the scoring column was Jack Mulder with a total of 17 points and Jack's best effort so far. Valenti was next with 9 points, and John Mandic followed with 6.

The Beavers ended a very successful preseason schedule with a record of six wins and two losses.

### Conference Games.

"Washington State certainly is serious about defending its basketball championship. I knew Jack Friel would have a strong team, but I certainly didn't expect such a strong contender as he showed me against Oregon at Eugene," (25, p.70) said Oregon State coach Slat Gill, as he looked forward to the conference opener against the tough Cougars.

Many experts picked Oregon State to gain the championship,

mainly owing to Gill's experienced personnel and great height advantage over the defending champion Cougars.

Slats planned to open the important conference game with Sam Dement and Jack Mulder as forwards, John Mandic at center, and Paul Valenti and Lew Beck at guards.

Washington State College 47 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, January 12, 1942.

Forced into a rough-and-tumble overtime by the dogged Washington State quintet, the Beaver basketeters opened their conference season with a 52-to-47 victory. Responsible for it in a large way was a 5 foot, 9 inch sophomore named Lew Beck, playing the first conference basketball of his life. Beck not only totaled 5 points in the vital overtime period, but was high man for the game with 17 points. The game, the rough, fast-break type of game from the start, began very evenly, but the Orangemen gradually built up a lead of 15-to-9, which the Cougars had whittled down by half time to 24-to-23. From then on it was anybody's game with the lead continually changing hands. Twelve times the score was tied with Oregon State also moving in front on 12 separate occasions, only to be tied eleven times, while Washington State was in front six times. With three minutes remaining in the wild and wooly game, the Beavers had worked to a 44-to-40 lead. The Cougars came back again and tied the score at 44-all with two minutes remaining. There were no more scores until Sam Dement put O.S.C. back in front with a field goal with only 35 seconds to go. This looked like the end of the ball game until Zimmerman, a Cougar reserve forward,

scored from the side with only 20 seconds remaining, to force the game into an overtime.

Oregon State took the jump in the overtime period with Lew Beck leading the way with his five points. Beck scored the final field goal of the game with 25 seconds left and secured the Beaver victory.

Washington State took 22 more shots than Oregon State, 66 with 19 field goals, a "shooting percentage" of 290, to 44 shots with 19 good for the very high average of 430.

Washington State College 53 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 13, 1942.

The determined Washington State Cougars came back strongly the second night and defeated the Beavers 53-to-45 in a contest of galloping and wild firing. From the start it was apparent that the visiting Cougars were out to even up the count. They took the lead early in the game when Atkins broke a 5-all tie. From there to the half the Cougars always stayed in front, a couple of times moving five points up. At half time they led by four points, 24-to-20.

With the start of the second half both teams staged a scoring exhibition in which 21 points were made in four minutes. Oregon State led 32-to-31, thanks to Paul Valenti, who sank three field goals in the short time. But from there on it was Washington State all the way. They quickly built up a 10-point lead which they held until the closing minutes of the game. The shooting percentages were just reversed

from the night before. Washington State converted 22 of 65 into baskets, a 34.0 average, while Oregon State sank only 18 of 65, a 27.7 percentage. Leading the Beaver scoring machine was Paul Valenti with 14 points and closely followed by Lew Beck who registered 10 points as did John Mandic.

University of Washington 25 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 19, 1942.

In their third conference start of the year the Beavers rolled to a convincing 45-to-25 victory over the University of Washington. This win left the Beavers perched in first place with a record of two wins and one loss. The game started out as a nip-and-tuck affair with the lead changing back and forth until the end of 14½ minutes in the first half when Doug Ford's foul shot put Washington ahead 16-to-15. This was the last time that the Huskies led, because one minute later John Mandic tipped in a field goal to put the Beavers ahead 17-to-16. Sam Dement added another field goal, and with two minutes remaining in the half, the Orange led 19-to-18. In the remaining two minutes, Oregon State suddenly caught fire as Jack Mulder, John Mandic, Sam Dement, and George McNutt scored successive field goals, giving their team a comfortable 28-to-19 lead at half time.

The second half saw the teams playing evenly. About midway in the period Washington closed the gap to six points at 35-to-29 as Bob Lindh, Merlin Gilbertson and Doug Ford led a Husky rally. This was as close as they got, however, for Beavers McNutt, Dement, and Valenti scored four successive free throws. Field goals by Beck and Valenti

sewed the game up in the closing minutes.

Shooting accuracy provided the main difference between the two teams. Oregon State made good on 17 baskets out of 40 attempts, while Washington could do no better than 10 in 72 attempts. High point honors for the game went to Dement who scored five field goals out of eight shots. Five free throws added to this made his point total 15. Mandic and Beck were next in the Beaver scoring with nine and seven points respectively.

University of Washington 43 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, January 20, 1942.

The Beavers ran into a determined Husky quintet in their second outing of their two-game series and went down to a 43-to-38 defeat before the home folks. The loss kept the Beavers at the 500 mark with a 2 and 2 record. Oregon State chose to run with the Huskies again and were doing well as they led all the way during the first half and held a four-point lead as the gun sounded, 19-to-15.

Without any delay, the invaders opened the second half with a rush and with two minutes of the second half gone they had tied the score at 19-all on two quick baskets by Bobby Lindh. Washington went ahead 21-to-19 on Marlin Gilbertson's field goal and from this point on the Huskies were never headed. Half-way through the half the Huskies led 28-to-21 and had pushed up 13 points to the Beavers' two since the start of the half. It was Captain John Mandic and sophomore Lew Beck who kept the Beavers within reaching distance. Had it not been for the accurate shooting of Mandic and Beck, Washington would have

made it a run-away. Beck led all scorers with 14 points and John Mandic was second among the Beaver scorers with nine points on four field goals and one foul shot.

University of Oregon 47 -- O.S.C. 45, Eugene, Oregon, January 24, 1942.

In the first meeting of the year between the Ducks of Oregon and the Beavers of Oregon State, the Ducks were victorious, 47-to-45.

It was Don Kirsch, substitute guard, who scored the winning basket on a shot from the foul circle with 22 seconds left to play. A minute before the Orangemen had been ahead 45-to-43 after George McNutt's one-hander from the corner broke the tie, but "Porky" Andrews tied it again to set the stage for Kirsch. The game was bitterly fought all the way, the score tied 12 times and in the second half alone the lead changed hands nine times. Oregon State was a few points ahead most of the way until the final moments and held a 25-to-21 half-time margin. Leading scorers for the Beavers were Lew Beck with 13 points, John Mandic 11, and Paul Valenti 8.

With a record of two wins and three losses the Beavers had to look forward to the always tough Inland Empire trip where they met Washington State first and finished up with the Idaho Vandals.

Coach Slat Gill considered this trip one of the most crucial ever taken by a Beaver quintet because the team could either be completely out of the close Northern Division race or win the top spot.

Slat named the following men to make the all important trip; Sam Dement, George McNutt, Jack Mulder, John Mandic, Glen Warren,

Doug Martin, Don Durdan, Lew Beck, Paul Valenti, and Howard Jeffries; and the student manager, Dale Aschenfelter.

Washington State College 34 -- O.S.C. 36, Pullman, Washington,  
January 30, 1942.

Oregon State opened its Inland Empire schedule with a tough 36-to-34 victory over Washington State College. The Beavers led all the way except for a brief period in the first half when the Cougars seized a one-point advantage. Paul Valenti and Jack Mulder scored nine points in the four remaining minutes of the half to give the Beavers a half-time lead of 20-to-12.

In the second half the Cougars fought back to within two points when Valenti hit for two straight baskets to again boost the Beaver lead to a somewhat safe margin. Washington State again rallied, this time in the closing minutes, to almost overtake a six-point Oregon State lead, only to have time run out on them.

Leading Oregon State in scoring was John Mandic with nine points, followed by George McNutt with eight, and Valenti with six points.

Washington State College 53 -- O.S.C. 48, Pullman, Washington,  
January 31, 1942.

Washington State College gained an even break in its four-game series with Oregon State with a well-earned 53-to-48 triumph over the Orangemen.

The Cougars completely dominated the first six minutes of play

as they held the Beavers scoreless. During the remainder of the period the Beavers fought back and the lead changed hands six times before the Cougars put on a drive that gave them a 25-to-12 advantage as the half ended. Leading the Washington State attack was Marv Gilberg who scored 13 points.

Oregon State's closest bid came midway in the second period when two free throws by John Mandic pulled the Beavers up to within one point. Washington State drew away in the last four and a half minutes to gain their victory.

Leading Oregon State scorers were Lew Beck and George McNutt with 14 and 10 points respectively. Mandic was close behind with his total of eight points.

Not seeing action was guard Paul Valenti who was sidelined with an ankle injury sustained in the opening game of the series.

University of Idaho 45 -- O.S.C. 47, Moscow, Idaho, February 2, 1942.

The Beavers finally got over the 500 per cent mark with a very important victory over the battling Vandals of Idaho, 47-to-45. Oregon State won in a hair-raising overtime game before a capacity crowd.

The overtime period began with the score at 44-all. The Idaho squad, cellar-dwellers of the Northern Division, held the Orangemen in the first half to a 24-to-24 score.

Idaho started the second half with a bang and immediately went into the lead behind Ray Turner and Cliff Bensen. Six minutes before the second half ended the Vandals were leading 42-to-37. The Beavers then tightened up and held Idaho scoreless while they added nine points

to gain the lead 44-to-42 with 45 seconds remaining. During this Beaver surge it was Captain John Mandic who led the way with his ball-hawking tactics. Cliff Bensen, Idaho sophomore, put the game in overtime when he scored on a long howitzer with 15 seconds remaining. George McNutt's field goal and Lew Beck's free throw in the overtime were more than enough to counter the lone free throw made by the Vandals. The game was rough most of the time with numerous spills on both sides. John Mandic was the only man to foul out. He played most of the second half with three personals against him, and finally went out with less than two minutes to go in the overtime. Scoring honors for the Beavers went to John Mandic with 16 points. He was followed by Sam Dement with 10 and Don Durdan with eight.

University of Idaho 29 -- O.S.C. 34, Moscow, Idaho, February 3, 1942.

After turning in a slow 34-to-29 decision over the University of Idaho in their second encounter, the Beavers headed home in a tie with Washington State for second place as the result of their three victories in four starts.

The game started out with Beavers using a zone defense. The score was tied at 2, 4, 5, and 7-all when the Vandals edged ahead for two and three points for the greater part of the first period. Idaho held the margin at half time 23-to-20. It took the Beavers 15 minutes to pull ahead of the stubborn Vandals in the last half. But once they did get out in front they stayed there, stalling off the Vandals and scoring their last four points on foul shots. Again it was the work of John Mandic who pulled the Beavers out of their troubles, but it

was Sam Dement who actually put the Beavers ahead with four minutes remaining to play.

Captain John Mandic made three field goals and three foul shots to lead all individual scorers with nine points. Other Beaver scorers were Sam Dement six, Lew Beck, Don Durdan, and George McNutt with five points each.

With this victory the Beavers' conference record was five wins and four losses.

Paul Valenti, senior Beaver guard, missed both contests due to an ankle injury sustained in the first Washington State game at Pullman, Washington.

Upon returning from Moscow, Idaho, the Beavers really had their work cut out for them, for they had only three days to prepare themselves for the always tough University of Oregon.

The Beavers were in good shape except for Paul Valenti who was still bothered by a bad ankle sprain and could only see limited duty.

University of Oregon 39 -- O.S.C. 50, Corvallis, Oregon, February 7, 1942.

Oregon State remained in the running for the Northern Division title by defeating the University of Oregon 50-to-39 at Corvallis. The Orange victory also evened the annual series at one game each. The Orangemen used a zone defense all the way, and it was too much for the Webfoots. They took 61 shots but many of these were flips and not earned. Oregon State on the other hand beat the Oregon Ducks

repeatedly at their own offensive game, a running, firehorse brand of basketball.

The Beavers held a ten-point lead at half time, 26-to-16. About four minutes after the second half started, Oregon came within four points of the Orange. But they fell back and the closest they could come again was with five points at the 16 minute mark. Big John Mandic, the Beavers' sensational center, had a good night; he turned in 14 points on five field goals and four free throws besides playing his usual great game on both backboards. Next in the Beaver scoring column came George McNutt with nine points. Other scorers were Don Durdan 7, Jack Mulder 5, Doug Martin 3, Sam Dement 4, Paul Valenti 4, Lew Beck 2, and Glen Warren 2.

The most crucial series of the year for the Beavers stared the Orangemen in the face as they started making plans for the coming two games with the University of Oregon, Friday, February 13 at Corvallis and Saturday, February 14, at Eugene. Coach Slat Gill stressed the point that he expected two tough battles and that he hoped he and his orange-clad hoopers had made plans adequate to cope with Hobby Hobson's dangerous Oregon five. If the Orangemen could win both games it would set them up with an inside track to the Northern Division title because it would leave them with only four games to be played against Washington and Idaho.

University of Oregon 26 -- O.S.C. 27, Corvallis, Oregon, February 13, 1942.

The unbelievable occurred for the frenzied Beaver basketeers as big John Mandic wheeled and sank a field goal in the last six seconds of the game to give the Orangemen a 27-to-26 win over the Ducks of Oregon in one of the most bitterly fought battles ever seen by Oregon State hoop followers. Although this marked the fourth Beaver-Duck encounter in the past two seasons to be won thus, it was the first time the pay-off basket was sunk by an Oregon State man.

Both teams employed a tight zone defense. Hobby Hobson kept his boys in close under the basket in order to bottle up any scoring by Big John Mandic. The plan succeeded in a measure but allowed long-hitting Paul Valenti to sink set shots from way out to lead scorers for the evening with 10 points. The score was tied four times in the first half but Oregon State never could pull ahead. Oregon led up to the seven-minute mark when Paul Valenti made a long one good to tie the count at 4-4. It was tied later 6-6, 8-8, and 11-11. Oregon managed to work ahead at half time 17-13.

All the second half of this Friday the 13th battle was a bedlam, but the final two minutes can scarcely be equalled for drama. When the clock showed exactly two minutes to play John Mandic made a free throw that brought the score to 26-to-25 for Oregon. The Oregon Ducks then attempted to stall with the Orangemen on them like a pack of wolves. With 15 seconds to play Don Durdan fouled Don Kirsch of Oregon. Kirsch was instructed to take the ball out of bounds instead of attempting the free throw. Time was called in, and Kirsch started a frantic search for a receiver. Every Oregon man was so closely

covered that Kirsch couldn't get rid of the ball. His allotted three seconds were up and Oregon State was given the ball out of bounds. Don Durdan took it, flipped it in to Don Hall, and just as quickly Hall passed down the court to Mandic. John took the pass and let go with a perfect left-handed scoring shot right over the fighting Ducks. The win placed the Beavers in a tie for the Northern Division leadership with Washington State, each having seven wins and four losses, and virtually eliminated Oregon from the race.

University of Oregon 45 -- O.S.C. 49, Eugene, Oregon, February 14, 1942.

It took the martial strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" to stop a riot on McArthur Court in the dying seconds of a basketball game which saw Oregon State College stay in the Northern Division title battle with a 49-to-45 victory over Oregon. Trouble started brewing in Corvallis Friday night when the two bitter rivals battled it out for the third time, and more bad blood spilled on the floor as they closed their annual "civil war" series. The lid blew off with 40 seconds of the ball game to go and 6,200 fans on the edges of their seats when John Mandic and Bob Wren of the Ducks went down in a heap trading punches. In a flash it seemed, the other eight ball players were in the thick of the fray, and in another flash the crowd poured in from the sidelines and end section bleachers. State policemen and Oregon ROTC personnel on the court were helpless as the free-for-all waged for fully two minutes. Not until the band struck up the national anthem on the persuasion of Oregon State's freshman basketball coach,

Bill McKalip, did things quiet down. Mandic and Wren were both banished from the game and charged with fouls. Their substitutes, Sam Dement for Mandic and "Porky" Andrews for Wren, were permitted to take the foul shots. Neither score affected the final outcome.

As for the contest itself, it was a spine-tingler for the full 40 minutes with the Beavers in front most of the way and the Webfoots never able to take the lead after the first eight minutes. Eight times the lead changed hands during the first half of the dramatic, thrill-packed scramble as Paul Valenti paced the Beavers to an early lead. Oregon State held a 24-to-21 lead going into the second half. The Ducks were in a zone defense during its first half which enabled the Beavers' Valenti to use his favorite weapon, the long shot.

During the second half the play on both sides was sensational as both teams battled furiously. Oregon made a determined bid for the lead when Warren Taylor sparked them on a drive that knotted up the count at 39-all with about eight minutes to go. Point for point, punch for punch, and bump for bump, they fought for the next five minutes as Oregon State slowly pulled away, first on a push shot by Mandic and then on another one by Don Durdan and finally one by Lew Beck. Oregon made another bid with a minute and a half left. Archie Marshik hit a free throw and Warren Taylor scored a field goal to put the Ducks four points behind 44-to-48. Then came the melee with officials awarding each team a free throw. Each foul throw was converted, by Sam Dement, and Porky Andrews, to make the final score 49-to-45. The Beavers posted a phenomenal "batting average" as their attempts from the floor

by hitting reached 21 of 34. Leading the Beaver scoring attack were Don Durdan and Paul Valenti with 15 points apiece.

The victory enabled the Beavers to win the series three games to one and maintain their first place tie with Washington State College for the division leadership.

The Beaver basketball players went right to work, after their victories over Oregon, on the business of winning the Northern Division Conference Basketball Championship. Their next encounters were against the Washington Huskies at Seattle.

Coach Slat Gill told his players in a meeting how pleased he was with their basketball in the game with Oregon at Eugene. Gill was particularly laudatory in his remarks on the play of Don Durdan, Lew Beck, and Paul Valenti.

"You did a remarkable job at Eugene, considering the conditions under which you played. But you will have to be even better in order to have a chance with Washington," (26, p.92) Gill told his men.

University of Washington 47 -- O.S.C. 40, Seattle, Washington,  
February 20, 1942.

Washington annexed the first game of the do-or-die series, 47-to-40. The first eight minutes of the bitterly fought contest were like a dog fight with the Huskies leading five times, O.S.C. twice, and the score tied three times. With seven minutes to go in the first half, Washington finally went ahead 18-to-12, but John Mandic and Paul Valenti cut the margin down with field goals, and Washington led by

only 22-to-19 at half time. Washington really turned on the power to start the second half. In four minutes of play, Washington built up a nine-point lead, 31-to-22. It was during this space that the Beavers were dealt their big blow. Captain John Mandic went out on four personal fouls to handicap the Beavers greatly.

Once safely in front, the Huskies swapped baskets with the Beavers to maintain their advantage until the closing minutes of play, when Valenti went on a rampage. He scored five points and the Beavers closed the gap, but at no time were the Beavers dangerous.

Although he left the game early in the second half, Mandic still led the Beaver scorers with 12 points.

University of Washington 41 -- O.S.C. 51, Seattle, Washington,  
February 21, 1942.

Oregon State College took undisputed possession of second place by nature of their 51-to-41 triumph over the Huskies of the University of Washington. The final contest of the year between the two teams was another dog fight similar to the night before. Slat Gill, fighting to keep his team in top contention in an effort to head off Washington State, came up with strategy moves that bothered the Huskies. With the Beavers reacting to prearranged signals on the floor, they changed their defensive tactics nearly every time the Huskies pounded downcourt. After a while the cocky Huskies had to slow up a step or two every time to figure out whether the Beavers were in a zone or man-to-man, and that brief period of indecision cost Washington the ball game, 51-to-41. For 26 minutes the fans saw Oregon State leading nine times, Washington

seven, and the score being tied eleven times. The Beavers led at half time 22-to-26. At the 26-minute mark the Beavers, led by Mandic and Durdan, ran up a 6-point lead, 39-to-33, and then went ahead by 10 points shortly afterward to cinch the victory.

Leading the Beaver victory were Sam Dement with 14 points, Don Durdan 13, and John Mandic 10.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, February 27, 1942.

The Beavers of Oregon State assured themselves of at least a tie for the championship in overwhelming tail-end Idaho 49-to-30. Big John Mandic won the battle of the 6'4" centers when he poured 21 points through the hoop while Idaho's Ray Turner, seeking a new division scoring mark, was held to nine. Mandic was the chief reason for the Beaver victory. Oregon State was pressed the first ten minutes, then stretched an 11-to-9 lead to a half-time advantage of 27-to-14.

The second half saw both teams missing badly, but Oregon State made 20, and this enabled Idaho to cut down the 13 point advantage at half time to eight points, 27-to-19, in five and a half minutes of play. From this point on Mandic regained his shooting power and Beavers were off to this much wanted victory. After Mandic with 21 points, Oregon State's top scorer was Jack Mulder.

University of Idaho 30 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon, February 28, 1942.

Oregon State marked up its fifth Northern Division basketball

championship by defeating Idaho 53-to-30.

The Men's Gymnasium fairly shook with cheers as it became more and more apparent that the Beavers would slide into their second big athletic triumph of the current school year. The uphill fight to a Northern Division championship came in the wake of a Pacific Coast championship and Rose Bowl triumph in football.

Oregon State's championship marked the first time in Northern Division history wherein a title went to a school losing more than four games in the 16-game schedule. The Beavers lost five.

There was little doubt of the outcome of the pennant clincher. The Beavers were off to an early lead, holding Turner and colleagues without a field goal for the first ten minutes. The Beavers led 29-to-12 at half time and went into the second half, with reserves taking most of the burden. John Mandic and Lew Beck led the Beaver scoring parade with 12 points apiece.

Leading the Beaver scoring parade during the conference season was Captain John Mandic with a total of 167 points. He was followed by Lew Beck with 127 points. Others in order were Paul Valenti 95, Sam Dement 92, George McNutt 76, Don Durdan 69, Jack Mulder 52, Glen Warren 14, Doug Martin 9, Don Hall 8, and Howard Jeffries 0.

John Mandic with his total of 167 points for conference play gained second place in the conference scoring standings behind Ray Turner's 192 points.

In preparing for the Pacific Coast Conference play-offs Slats

Gill took the opportunity to watch Stanford, Southern Division winners, in their final two-game series against the University of California. Upon his return the Beaver mentor had this to say about Stanford: "They're the best team of big men I've ever seen" (27, p.141).

Height, weight, and speed were the handicaps that the Beavers had to overcome to gain the much desired championship. The Indians could field a team that averaged 6'4" in height. The five starters for the Stanford Indians were Jim Pollard, Don Burness, Ed Voss, and Bill Cowden and Howard Dallmar.

Cheered by what Slat Gill called a satisfactory workout, the Beavers departed, by train, for California late Wednesday afternoon, March 11, 1942.

#### Coast Play-offs.

Stanford University 41 -- Oregon State 28, Palo Alto, California,  
March 13, 1942.

The Stanford Indians drew first blood in the Pacific Coast Conference play-offs as they defeated a ragged Oregon State Beaver five, 41-to-28. The Indians used their height advantage to run the Beavers ragged. Time and time again the Oregon State guards, Lew Beck and Don Durdan, found the Stanford stalwarts batting down their passes and tosses. Stanford led all the way despite the fact that Don Burness, forward and co-captain, had to leave the floor with an injured knee in the first ten minutes. Leading the Indians vaunted attack was their sensational sophomore forward, Jim Pollard, who connected for 15 points

and high point honors for the game. Heading the Beaver attack was Captain John Mandic with a total of nine points being closely followed by George McNutt with eight.

Stanford University 33 -- O.S.C. 42, Palo Alto, California, March 14, 1942.

Showing a speedy, vastly improved offense and a formidable defense, the Beavers battled Stanford on even terms in the first half and then completely outplayed the Indians in a furious and thrilling second half. The 42-to-33 victory evened the count at one game each in the three-game Pacific Coast Conference championship play-off. In the first half Stanford led five times, Oregon State seven times, and eight times the score was knotted, or 20 times that the count see-sawed back and forth. The count at the half was a tie for the eighth time at 18-to-18. Just after play opened in the second half George McNutt hit for a field goal and put Oregon State ahead 20-to-18 and set the pattern for the remainder of the game. Thereafter Stanford never got closer than two points, and mostly was struggling under a constantly growing Orange lead. Leading the Beaver attack was George McNutt and John Mandic with 14 and 13 points respectively. Other scorers for the Beavers were Lew Beck and Paul Valenti with six points each and Don Durdan with three.

Stanford University 40 -- O.S.C. 35, Palo Alto, California, March 16, 1942.

The final game of the Pacific Coast Conference play-off saw

a fighting Orange quintet go down to a 40-to-35 defeat at the hands of the Stanford Indians. It was the third and deciding game of the two-out-of-three play-off series. Using their fast break to good advantage, the Indians ran up a 14-to-4 lead but then the Orangemen found the range and closed the gap to a 22-to-17 Stanford edge at half time. Oregon State was ahead briefly at 25-to-24 after the intermission, and with six minutes left in the game the score was knotted at 33-all. At this point big John Mandic had to leave the Oregon State lineup with four minutes to go on his fourth personal foul. The score was 35-all when John fouled Ed Voss, Stanford center, in the act of shooting. Voss scored the field goal and also his foul shot to give the Indians a 3-point lead and eventual victory. Jim Pollard, big Stanford forward, tallied 16 points for high point honors. John Mandic, brilliant Oregon State center, accounted for 11 points and was the outstanding Beaver player on the floor. Other Beaver scorers were Lew Beck 8, Don Durdan 5, Paul Valenti and Glen Warren 4, and Sam Dement 3.

Beaver players who received all-star recognition for their work throughout the season were John Mandic, who received All-American, All-Coast, and All-Northern Division honors; Don Durdan, Lew Beck, Sam Dement and Paul Valenti, who all received All-Northern Division honors on different selections.

Leading the Oregon State scoring parade throughout the season was Captain John Mandic who scored a total of 261 points in 27 games. He was followed by Paul Valenti 182, Lew Beck 171, George McNutt 151,

Sam Dement 117, Jack Mulder 106, Don Durdan 80, Don Hall 20, Glen Warren 20, and Doug Martin 15.

Slate Gill awarded varsity basketball awards to the following ten players; Lew Beck, Sam Dement, Don Durdan, Don Hall, George McNutt, John Mandic, Doug Martin, Jack Mulder, Paul Valenti, and Glen Warren.

The Beavers ended their season, counting all games, with an 18-won and 9-loss record.

## 1942-43 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

With only three men left from the 1941-42 championship team, Slat Gill started a three-day-a-week practice from the time school started in October of 1942, with the hope of building another title contender. Lost from the championship team were John Mandic, Sam Dement, Jack Mulder, Paul Valenti, George McNutt, Doug Martin and Don Hall. The three returning lettermen were Don Durdan, Lew Beck, and Glen Warren. Warren was a reserve and the only tall man on the squad, 6'5". The rest of the squad consisted of sophomores from the last year's rook squad and three transfers from junior colleges. Junior college transfers were Don Cecil and Bob Howard from Long Beach Junior College and Fred "Tex" Winter from Compton Junior College. The outstanding sophomore from the rook team was Erland Anderson, 6'3", from Silverton, Oregon. Others who showed promise were Mickey Brophy, Bob Harvey, Spike Johnson and Dick Kohler. Howard Jeffries, varsity reserve, was also coming into his own and showing quite a bit of improvement.

Willamette University 18 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, December 15, 1942.

With the first game of the season against Willamette University, Slat Gill planned to start the following quintet; Glen Warren and Mickey Brophy, forwards; Erland Anderson, center; and Lew Beck and Don Durdan, guards. The Beavers defeated Willamette by an impressive

35-to-18 score. Oregon State grabbed the lead from the start and held it all the way. The Beavers pushed to a 20-to-14 intermission lead and in the second half almost completely blanked the Bearcats. A field goal and a pair of free throws were the only Willamette points in the second half. Lew Beck and Don Durdan, diminutive guards and veterans of the title team, led the Beavers in scoring with 11 and 9 points respectively.

Camp Adair Timber Wolves 31 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 16, 1942.

Taking the lead after 10 minutes of play in the first half, Oregon State's Beavers hung up their second straight preseason victory by defeating the Camp Adair Timber Wolves 41-to-31.

For the first two minutes the Army five made a real game of it, but they soon faded. By half time the Orangemen had built up a comfortable 20-to-8 margin. Lew Beck and transfer Bob Howard of the Beavers tied for high point honors with Herb Brown of the Army team with nine points apiece.

Bruno Studio 37 -- O.S.C. 58, Corvallis, Oregon, December 18, 1942.

The Orangemen completed a brief tune-up schedule before heading East on their barnstorming trip by defeating the Bruno Studio of Portland, 58-to-37. Coach Slat Gill used all of the ten men that he planned to take East against the Portland A.A.U. kingpins, who held their only lead midway in the first half, 13-to-12. The Beavers pulled away fast to take a 32-to-18 lead at half time and coasted the

rest of the way. Glen Warren, Beaver forward, led the attack with 12 points and was followed by Lew Beck with 11, Don Cecil and Bob Howard with 10 apiece.

With three victories under their belts, the Oregon State basketballers made plans for their second invasion of New York and other points East. Coach Gill named the following players to make the trip, leaving Portland Saturday night, December 21, 1942; Lew Beck, Don Durdan, Mickey Brophy, Glen Warren, Erland Anderson, Bob Harvey, Don Cecil, Bob Howard, Howard Jeffries, and Fred Winter.

City College of New York 34 -- O.S.C. 45, New York, New York,  
December 26, 1942.

Oregon State opened the holiday doubleheader program at Madison Square Garden by defeating City College of New York, 45-to-34, before a crowd of 18,000. With Lew Beck and Don Durdan leading the way for the Beavers, the lead see-sawed back and forth during the early stages of the first half. However, after the lead had changed hands six times within eight minutes, Lew Beck gave the Staters their first substantial lead, 16-to-11, when he dropped in two field goals from mid-court. The Beavers started a spirited rally within 50 seconds of the end of the first half, with field goals by Don Durdan and Lew Beck. The spurt gave the Beavers a 24-to-15 half-time lead.

Lew Beck connected with six field goals and two free throws for a total of 14 points while Durdan counted nine from four baskets and a gift toss. With Oregon State leading 35-to-23 midway in the final

period, New York's Beavers reduced the margin to seven points, but Beck and Durdan took charge to put the game on ice. Others who saw action were Don Cecil, Glen Warren, Mickey Brophy, Bob Harvey, Bob Howard, Erland Anderson, and Fred Winter.

Wayne University 29 -- O.S.C. 41, Detroit, Michigan, December 28, 1942.

The Beavers traveled next to Detroit, Michigan, where they encountered Wayne University and turned in their fifth straight victory, 41-to-29. The game was played at Olympic Stadium before 3,634 spectators. Oregon State utilized the fast break to good advantage and led all the way after establishing an early 12-to-1 lead before Wayne University bagged a field goal at the ten-minute mark. The Orangemen led at half time 25-to-11 and never were seriously threatened. The Beavers maintained the upper hand after the intermission despite a ten-point Wayne rally that brought the score to 34-to-28 with five minutes to play. Lew Beck then sank a decisive field goal, and five points from the free-throw line followed. Transfer Don Cecil rolled up 11 points to lead the Beavers in their victory. He was followed by Erland Anderson and Lew Beck who had eight points apiece.

Michigan State College 29 -- O.S.C. 35, East Lansing, Michigan, December 29, 1942.

A 33-to-29 victory over Michigan State at East Lansing maintained Oregon State's undefeated record as it gave them their sixth straight victory. The rangy Beavers stepped out to an early lead and held a 23-to-14 advantage at half time. The Spartans made their

most serious bid of the game during the second half when they sliced Oregon State's lead to 29-to-25, with ten minutes left to go, but Don Durdan put out the fire with four quick Oregon State points. Durdan led the scoring with a total of 14 points and was followed by Erland Anderson and Lew Beck with eight points apiece. Only one other man entered into the scoring and that was Don Cecil with three points.

Bradley Tech University 42 -- O.S.C. 41, Peoria, Illinois, January 1, 1943.

Peoria, Illinois, was the Beavers' next stop, and it was there that they suffered their first setback of the young 42-43 season. They lost an overtime tussle to the Bradley Tech cagers 42-to-41 in which the lead changed hands 16 times.

The score at the end of the regulation time was knotted at 35-all. Lew Beck, Beaver guard, put Oregon State ahead in the overtime with a basket, but George Runkle, Bradley guard, followed with two set shots and Don Durdan tied the count again with a field goal. Again Bradley went ahead on a field goal by Larry Leonard only to have Bob Howard, Beaver forward, tie the score again. Leonard gave Bradley their hard-fought victory when he sank only one of two free throws with 12 seconds remaining. Again it was Don Durdan who led the Beaver scoring parade with 13 points. Close on Durdan's heels was Don Cecil with nine points.

Washington University of St. Louis 32 -- O.S.C. 40, St. Louis, Missouri, January 2, 1943.

The Beavers completed their barnstorming trip with a victory over Washington University of St. Louis; the score was 40-to-32. For the first nine minutes of play Oregon State had a hard time finding the range and was trailing 3-to-9 when suddenly they caught fire and rolled up 16 points before Washington University could connect, and as a result the Beavers led at half time 19-to-13. The Beavers maintained their pace during the second half and the closest the Washington Bears got was with nine minutes remaining in the game when the score stood 31-to-27. The final stretch spelled defeat for the Bears as the Beavers rallied and held Washington to two baskets. Leading the Beaver victory was Bob Howard, Lew Beck and Don Durdan, scoring 11, 9 and 9 points respectively.

Camp Adair Timber Wolves 24 -- O.S.C. 55, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1943.

The travel-weary Beavers returned to Corvallis and resumed their practice schedule with a 55-to-24 victory over the 104th Division Timber Wolves from Camp Adair. It was the second defeat O.S.C. had handed the army team. After a close first half Oregon State made a run-away of the game, going from a 23-to-18 half time margin to 39-to-18 during the third quarter. At this point Slat Gill put in substitutes who continued the fast scoring pace.

Don Durdan led all individual scorers with 12 points, and was followed by Lew Beck and Lt. Herb Brown, the Timber Wolves' center, with 11 points.

Vancouver Ramblers 47 -- O.S.C. 54, Corvallis, Oregon, January 12, 1943.

It was old home week on Oregon State's maple court when the Beavers entertained the Vancouver Ramblers, an independent team, representing Vancouver, Washington. There were three ex-Oregon State stars playing for the Ramblers: John Mandic, Jack Mulder, and Sam Dement. The Beavers did not treat their ex-teammates with kid gloves as they defeated the Ramblers, 54-to-47. The first half was a zig-zag scoring affair with the lead changing on virtually every field goal. Glen Warren's field goal with 30 seconds left before intermission sent the Orange five into a lead which was never relinquished. Lew Beck with 14 points and valuable scoring help from Bob Howard, Don Durdan, Don Cecil and Glen Warren led a second half attack which kept the Beavers ahead by a comparatively safe margin to the finish. John Mandic, former O.S.C. All-American, was the night's leading scorer with 18 points. Sam Dement, another ex-Beaver, scored 11 for Vancouver.

Vancouver Ramblers 39 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon, January 15, 1943.

Oregon State increased their victories to 10 in 11 games as they defeated the Vancouver Ramblers for the second time, 53-to-39. The Orangemen seized an early lead and were never in danger in the first half, which ended 25-to-14. But second-string players opened the second half and the Ramblers climbed within one point, 32-to-31, before Slat Gill rushed the starters back in to stem the rally. Don Cecil was the big gun of the Oregon State attack, scoring 16 points to beat out Lew Beck, his teammate, and John Mandic of the Ramblers, each of

whom had 12 points.

Willamette University 28 -- O.S.C. 46, Salem, Oregon, January 16, 1943.

An extremely smooth, fast passing bunch of Beaver basketeters closed out their preseason schedule with an impressive 46-to-28 victory over the Willamette Bearcats. Right from the start when Erland Anderson, Don Cecil, and Glen Warren scored baskets in rapid succession, the fast-moving Beavers were off to the races. Their uncanny shooting combined with a tight zone defense enabled them to gain a 28-to-9 advantage at half time. The second half found the Bearcats closing the gap and making more of a game of it. Willamette closed the gap to 22-to-39 halfway through the second half and that was the closest they got. Leading the Beaver attack was Glen Warren, 6'5" forward, who made seven out of 10 attempts for a total of 14 points. Other scorers for Oregon State were Don Durdan eight, Erland Anderson six, Lew Beck five, Howard Jeffries and Mickey Brophy four, Don Cecil three, and Bob Harvey two.

#### Conference Games.

Oregon State's promising basketball team opened its conference season and defense of its Northern Division championship against the team favored to win the pennant, Washington. Washington's first team was made up entirely of veteran aces. They were Doug Ford and Boody Gilberton, forwards; Chuck Gilmore, center; and Captain Wally Leask and Bill Morris, guards.

At the start of the season the Beavers were rated to be one of the weaker teams, but with the remarkable showing they had made

during their preseason, they were ranked as a strong contender.

University of Washington 30 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 19, 1943.

The Beavers' opening conference game against the Huskies of Washington was a rousing success as they came through with a 42-to-30 upset victory over the Huskies. Oregon State pulled ahead early in a wild first half and never relinquished the lead. The score was tied five times early in the game, but after the count reached 13-13 Erland Anderson scored four baskets in succession to give the Beavers a 27-to-20 half-time lead. Washington came out fast in the second half in their usual driving game, but O.S.C.'s close man-to-man defense along with a ball-control offense slowed the Huskies down and enabled them to maintain a comfortable seven-point lead up to three minutes to go. The Huskies rallied at this point and came up to 42-to-39 with a minute to go, but the Huskies were unable to close the gap, although they had possession of the ball three times in the final minutes.

Erland Anderson, sophomore center, led the Beavers to their victory with 15 points and great work on both backboards. Next to Anderson came Don Durdan and Don Cecil with 9 and 8 points respectively.

University of Washington 44 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 20, 1943.

Despite a one-man scoring exhibition by Don Durdan, the University of Washington avenged the previous night's defeat by nosing

out Oregon State, 44-to-39, in a bitterly fought contest. Twenty points was Durdan's score for the evening, which was over half of his team's total scoring, but his teammates could not keep up the terrific pace set by the Beavers' great all-around athlete. The game was a wild affair which saw the Huskies hold a lead almost all the way despite numerous Beaver challenges. It was marred by 38 personal fouls. The clubs fought on even terms throughout most of the first half, and Oregon State managed to lead in the game. For the Beavers the second half was virtually a one-man show with Durdan always threatening to pull his club even. With but a minute to go, Durdan scored twice to make it 39-to-42, but Leask caged one to make Washington safe. The Huskies outshot the Beavers by 18 field goals in 62 attempts to 12 shots in 46 tries for the Beavers. The Washington team earned a shooting percentage of .306 to Oregon State's .282. Don Durdan's great night resulted in his scoring 20 points on 7 field goals and 6 free throws.

The Beaver hopes for a successful Inland Empire jaunt received a double setback with the announcement that Durdan and Lew Beck were confined to the college infirmary. Durdan was admitted with chicken pox and Beck had an attack of the flu. Beck was expected to make the trip, but Durdan was definitely off the traveling list.

Included on Slat's Gill's traveling squad to the Inland Empire were three freshmen, Bill Taitt, ex-Roosevelt High School star of Portland; Alex Peterson, from Grant High School in Portland; and

Tommy Holman, ex-Baker High School product. Others making the trip were Don Cecil, Erland Anderson, Glen Warren, Lew Beck, Howard Jeffries, Bob Howard, and Bob Harvey.

University of Idaho 49 -- O.S.C. 52, Moscow, Idaho, January 29, 1943.

Oregon State's initial game on the Inland Empire invasion was a successful one as they overcame Idaho in the last minute of play to eke out a 52-to-49 triumph. The University of Idaho was within less than a minute of breaking into the Pacific Coast Conference win column as they came into the last minute with a 49-to-48 lead over the Beavers and tried to stall out the time. But Glen Warren, Beaver forward, stole the ball to score a field goal and gave the Beavers a one-point lead, and then added another in the final 30 seconds of play. The game was a scoring duel between Fred Quinn, Idaho center, who racked up 27 points, the highest individual score thus far this season for a Northern Division player, and the Beavers' Lew Beck who tossed in 23 points.

University of Idaho 56 -- O.S.C. 44, Moscow, Idaho, January 30, 1943.

Idaho came through with an upset victory, 56-to-44, when the two teams met the following night. Behind through a good part of the first half, the Vandals grabbed the lead four minutes before the half ended and held a 29-to-23 lead at the halfway mark. Center Fred Quinn made the lead commanding after the intermission by two lay-ins that put the score at 33-to-23. The Vandals were never threatened after that and with four minutes left to play they led 55-to-33 with mostly substitutes playing through the rest of the game. While Idaho was on

the "warm" side, the Beavers, handicapped greatly by the loss of Don Durdan, were not up to the previous night's performance. Their floor work was ragged and they missed many shots. Leading the Beavers in the scoring column was Erland Anderson with 10 points and Lew Beck with 9. The loss left the Beavers in fourth place in the conference standings with a two-win and two-loss record.

Washington State College 44 -- C.S.C. 35, Pullman, Washington,  
February 1, 1943.

Oregon State moved over to Pullman, Washington, for their Monday night opener against the tough Washington State Cougars, and a tough Cougar it was as they defeated the Beavers 44-to-35. The victory moved W.S.C. into sole possession of first place over the idle University of Washington. The host quintet broke the scoring ice three minutes after the opening whistle on a field goal by Bob Sheridan and never let the Beavers get closer than three points. At one time, early in the ball game, W.S.C. ran the score to 12-to-3. The half-time score favored W.S.C. 19-to-13. Washington State maintained this strong attack through the second half with Gail Bishop and Al Akins leading the way by scoring 21 of the team's 25 points during the first half. W.S.C. dominated the backboards and only poor shooting kept the score down. The Beavers, on the contrary, had trouble working the ball to the basket and were rushed on their few tries. Oregon State's scoring was done by the following men; Glen Warren 7, Don Cecil 7, Bill Tait 10, Bob Howard 6, Lew Beck 3, and Howard Jeffries 2.

Washington State College 55 -- O.S.C. 52, Pullman, Washington,  
February 2, 1943.

The Washington State Cougars overhauled Oregon State in the final minutes of a tense basketball game and won 55-to-52, sweeping the series and tightening their hold on first place. The invading Beavers pulled away from the Cougars a few minutes after the contest opened and only relinquished their lead in the last seven minutes of the game as they tired under a desperate onslaught by the Cougars. At half-time, Oregon State led 24-to-20. A fast, hard-played contest throughout, the game reached its peak in the closing minutes of the last half. There were four ties and six swaps of the lead in the final ten minutes and not until the final two minutes did the Cougars go ahead to stay on two quick field goals by Gail Bishop after Bob Howard had given O.S.C. a 50-to-49 advantage. Lew Beck led all scorers with 14 points besides turning in a great all-around game. Other Beavers high up in the scoring department were Bill Taitt with 11 points and Don Cecil with 10. The defeat was the third in four games for the disappointed Beavers.

Oregon State's road-weary quintet had just two days after their return from the Palouse Hills to prepare for the invasion of the University of Idaho. The Beavers' basketball hopes reached a low ebb on the eve of the two-game series with Idaho when it was learned that Don Durdan, veteran guard and team sparkplug, would be lost for the entire season. Durdan, who had just recovered from an attack of chicken pox which kept him from the Beavers' unsuccessful Inland Empire trip, developed "Iritis," an infection of the eye, announced by Dr. Waldo Ball, team

physician.

University of Idaho 32 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, February 5, 1943.

The Beavers rebounded from a three-game losing streak when they whipped the invading Vandals 49-to-32 in the series opener. The Orangemen took the lead from the Vandals in the opening minutes and were never in trouble. O.S.C. took a 7-to-1 lead in the first three minutes and stretched it to 17-to-9 midway in the first half. Coach Slat Gill gave his regulars a needed rest in the second period. The half-time score was 27-to-15. Fred Quinn, the sharpshooting Idaho sophomore center who accounted for 44 points in the two-game series against the Orangemen at Moscow, was so closely guarded by Glen Warren that he scored only one field goal in 16 attempts. Scoring star of the game was Lew Beck who scored 7 field goals and four foul shots for 18 points. His running mate at guard, freshman Tom Holman, tallied 11 points.

University of Idaho 51 -- O.S.C. 57, Corvallis, Oregon, February 6, 1943.

In one of the wildest basketball games in Corvallis history the Oregon State Beavers defeated the Idaho Vandals 57-to-51, to make it three out of four over their opponent. The determined invaders from the Palouse country were in the lead six times, and they and the Orangemen between them scrambled their way out of several different ties, the last only two minutes and 57 seconds before the final gun. At half time Oregon State led 27-to-22, the result of a sudden basket-making flurry in the last couple of minutes when Glen Warren hit twice

and Lew Beck once, but just after Idaho had also hit three times. Then in the second half Oregon State forged out some more, at one time leading 38-to-29, but just then the Vandals began hitting from all angles to tie first at 42-42, then going ahead 48-to-47, whereupon O.S.C. in turn tied with a free throw by Bill Taitt, 48-48. It looked as if the Orange were on the way again with five minutes left when Glen Warren dropped in a rebound only to have Idaho's Bob Ryan sink a pair, and it was 50-all. This was the seventh tie, and there were two minutes and 57 seconds left to play. Both teams were in such a frenzy that for seconds the floor would be half covered with rolling bodies. Out of a scramble came Lew Beck dribbling up the floor to score the tie-breaking basket. This field goal put the Beavers ahead 52-to-50 and they were able to maintain the advantage through the last two minutes.

Lew Beck was not only the one who hit the winning basket, but he was the outstanding player on the Orange side. All six individuals who participated turned in very creditable jobs. Points were scored by Glen Warren 9, Don Cecil 12, Bill Taitt 5, Lew Beck 12, Tom Holman 15, and Erland Anderson 4.

As a result of the twin victory over Idaho the Beavers moved into a tie for third place with the University of Oregon; both having a 4-won and 4-lost record. With the first Oregon series of the year facing them the Beavers' hopes were strengthened with the unexpected return of Don Durdan to active duty. Durdan, who had been declared "out" for the season by Dr. Waldo Ball, team physician, responded much

more quickly than expected to treatment.

University of Oregon 36 -- O.S.C. 46, Corvallis, Oregon, February 12, 1943.

The Beavers moved up in the Coast Conference Northern Division basketball race with an easy 46-to-36 victory over Oregon in their first meeting of the year. O.S.C. took over third place from Oregon and moved within a half game of Washington State and a full game from the league-leading Washington quintet. The return of Don Durdan helped the Beavers considerably even though he only played half the contest. Oregon, hitting only eleven out of 65 shots from the floor, staged but one rally. That was late in the first half with the Beavers ahead 15-to-8. The Webfoots scored five points before Oregon State could counter and with one and a half minutes to go, pulled to within one point at 18-to-17 only to have O.S.C. pull ahead and gain a 23-to-18 advantage at half time. In the second period the Staters blanked the Webfoots for six minutes and gradually increased the margin until with eight minutes remaining they held a 43-to-27 advantage. Reserves finished out the game. Leading scorers for the Beavers were Lew Beck 11, Bill Taitt 8, Glen Warren 8, Erland Anderson and Tom Holman 6.

University of Oregon 56 -- O.S.C. 35, Eugene, Oregon, February 13, 1943.

In a game in which a total of 27 players were used, the University of Oregon defeated the Beavers 56-to-35. The game was pretty close to the exact reverse of the previous night with Oregon scoring field goals from all angles, while the Orangemen couldn't find the range

anywhere. Oregon's Ray Seeborg started the scoring with a field goal in the first two minutes of play, but Lew Beck's shooting gave the Beavers a 5-to-4 edge until Seeborg put Oregon out in front 8-to-7. After gaining that lead Oregon never trailed. The Webfoots had a 27-to-15 lead with two minutes to play in the first half, when the Beavers rallied and scored five points against two for Oregon who led at half time 28-to-20. In the second period, Oregon increased its lead steadily and a little over four minutes before the end was leading by 19 points.

Slats Gill used 11 players and Lew Beck alone was the only one who was able to score consistently as he led all scorers with 13 points. During this two-game series with the Oregon Ducks the Beavers lacked the services of Don Cecil who was confined to the infirmary with influenza. It hurt O.S.C. considerably as Cecil was one of the Beavers' leading scorers. With another civil war series coming up, the Beavers were again back at full strength with the return of Cecil. With five games won and five lost, the Beavers stood on the ragged edge of the Northern Division race. Another loss would put them out of consideration for the title.

University of Oregon 42 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, February 19, 1943.

On the night of February 19, 1943 the Beavers were all but mathematically eliminated from the championship race as a result of their 38-to-42 defeat at the hands of the Oregon Webfoots. Oregon's zone defense bothered the Beavers and it resulted in the Orangemen

shooting at a weak 29 per cent, O.S.C. got off to an early lead and maintained it until five minutes were left in the first half when Al Popick sent the Ducks ahead 20-to-19. However, Lew Beck sank two field goals in the final 30 seconds before the half-time whistle to give Oregon State a 23-to-21 lead at half time. The second half saw the lead switch back and forth until Warren Taylor, Oregon forward, sank a free throw which put the Ducks ahead for the rest of the game. Halfway through the second half the Ducks had moved ahead 32-to-27 when the Beavers put on a rally and with two and a half minutes remaining Erland Anderson's tip-in put the score at 38-to-36, Oregon leading. Roger Wiley quenched the Beaver hopes with a tip-in followed by a quick basket by Al Popick. Oregon State's scoring was evenly divided among the six players who got in the game; Glen Warren 5, Don Cecil 6, Erland Anderson 7, Lew Beck 9, Don Durdan 6, Bill Taitt 5.

University of Oregon 31 -- O.S.C. 41, Eugene, Oregon, February 20, 1943.

The Orangemen who had their Northern Division hopes dashed the previous evening came right back and lashed the Ducks' hopes by trimming them 41-to-31. Oregon State held the Webfoots to a mere 10 points in the first half, leading 17-to-10 at intermission.

The Beavers, playing good basketball, took the lead in the opening minutes of play and were never headed. Erland Anderson, O.S.C.'s sophomore forward, opened the scoring in the first 30 seconds and added two field goals in the next three minutes while Oregon collected but once from the field - on Roger Wiley's tip-in. A crowd of 5,500 rabid

spectators saw a short-lived spree for Oregon at the start of the second half, cutting the Beaver margin 17-to-13, but after three minutes of the period Oregon State picked up where they left off and built up their longest lead, 40-to-20, with three minutes of play remaining. It was the final game of the annual four-game series, each team winning two games. Don Durdan, playing his last hoop tilt against Oregon, paced the Beaver scoring with eight points, an honor he shared with Bill Taitt.

Washington State College 31 -- O.S.C. 51, Corvallis, Oregon, February 23, 1943.

The title hopes of the Washington State Cougars were jilted seriously when the Beavers won a 51-to-31 victory in the opener of their two-game series. Coach Slat's Gill's Beaver five took the lead after the first two minutes of play and at half time led 26-to-19. In the middle of the second half the Cougars pulled to within five points of the pace-setting Orangemen, but Lew Beck, Don Cecil, and Erland Anderson sank four baskets to go out ahead 49-to-35. A few moments later the Beavers sank one more field goal. The last four minutes of play were scoreless. The victory put Oregon State one and a half games out of first place and retained for them a mathematical chance of repeating as champions. Lew Beck was high scorer for the game with 17 points. Beavers who scored high were Don Durdan with 12 and Don Cecil with 10.

Washington State College 34 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, February 24, 1943.

The second game again saw the Beavers come out on top 43-to-34 and move W.S.C. into second place one full game behind the University of Washington. This win moved O.S.C. into a third place tie with Oregon. Oregon State got off to an early 12-to-7 lead and at the 13 minute mark was far in front at 19-to-9. A brief Cougar flurry almost knotted the count before the Orangemen pulled out to a 24-to-18 half-time advantage. Again in the second half the Staters saw a comfortable 34-to-27 advantage melt away as the determined visitors rallied to tie the score at 34-34 with seven minutes left in the game. This was Washington State's final tie, however, for Lew Beck and his mates hit in the clutch to gradually pull away. Lew Beck and Don Durdan again carried the scoring load for the Orangemen. Beck dropped in 18 points while Durdan collected 11 before leaving the game midway in the second half with an ankle injury.

The 35 points that Lew Beck collected in the two W.S.C. games enabled him to take over the leadership of the Northern Division basketball individual scoring race. He lifted his total to 159 in 14 games with two games yet to play.

The Orangemen's final two games of the season against the University of Washington were extremely important, because the team, or teams, who would take over Oregon State's Northern Division title, would be decided by this series. Anything could have come out of this pair of battles. Of course, if Washington won them both, the Huskies would take over the championship, but if the Beavers won the two they would have had a good chance of tying for the title. Also, at stake in the series was the individual scoring title; Lew Beck had an outside

chance to win if he had a good series.

University of Washington 53 -- O.S.C. 33, Seattle, Washington, March 5, 1943.

The Beaver chances for the regaining of their Northern Division championship were completely destroyed as the Washington Huskies staked their claim with a stunning 53-to-33 victory over the Beavers. A near-capacity crowd of close to 9,000 saw the Huskies, with uncanny long-range shooting and flawless ball handling, build up a 29-to-11 first half lead that Oregon State's defending champions never were able to challenge. The second half started quickly with Wally Leask, Washington guard, hitting a quick field goal to put Washington ahead 31-to-11. Then it was virtually a give-and-take battle the rest of the way. Deep in the second half, Hec Edmundson sent his reserve outfit into action; they kept up the pace set by the regulars. High scorer for the Beavers were Don Cecil with nine points and Don Durdan with eight. Lew Beck's 6 points practically eliminated his chances of winning the individual scoring race.

University of Washington 44 -- O.S.C. 35, Seattle, Washington, March 6, 1943.

The Beavers closed out their 1942-43 season with a defeat at the hands of the champion University of Washington quintet. Staving off a last-minute rally by the Beavers, the Huskies defeated O.S.C. by the score of 44-to-35. Oregon State did not come to life until the last six minutes of the game, when Washington had piled up a 40-to-20

margin. In the next four minutes the Beavers scored 12 points while holding Washington scoreless, but a long shot and a couple of free throws by the Huskies' guard Bill Taylor ended the Beavers' threat. The game began slowly, without a point being scored in the first two minutes. At half time the score stood Washington 16, Oregon State 12. Early in the second half the Huskies turned on the steam and ran the score to 31-to-15 in the first seven minutes. Oregon State's scoring was dominated by Lew Beck and Don Cecil who scored 11 and 8 points respectively.

With this defeat the Orangemen ended their season with an eight-won and eight-lost conference record which put them in fourth place in the league standing. The overall Beaver season record was 18 wins against 9 losses.

Leading the Beaver scoring parade through the conference schedule was Lew Beck with a total of 174 points. Other Beaver scoring was as follows; Don Cecil 98, Don Durdan 87, Glen Warren 79, Bill Taitt 69, Tommy Holman 64, Erland Anderson 60, Bob Howard 30, Howard Jeffries 12, Alex Peterson 7, Bob Harvey 4, Norm Carey and Fred Winter 3, and Mickey Brophy 1.

Beavers to gain all-star recognition were Don Durdan, who made Pic magazine's second team All-American along with All-Northern Division selection. He was also voted the outstanding all-around athlete for the Pacific Coast Conference on votes of the athletic directors of member institutions of the P.C.C. His running mate, Lew Beck, also received All-Northern Division recognition. With the season completed

Coach "Slats" Gill named nine members of his basketball team as having qualified for varsity basketball awards. They were Don Durdan, Howard Jeffries, Lew Beck, Erland Anderson, Tommy Holman, Bill Taitt, Glen Warren, Don Cecil and Bob Howard.

## 1943-44 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Starting his sixteenth year as head basketball coach, Slat Gill faced his toughest job. He had to start from scratch and rebuild a team to play a tough 16-game Northern Division schedule. With the exception of one man, every member of Gill's squad was a freshman. The biggest hurdle the Beavers had to overcome was their lack of height. Frank Marshik, 6'6" center, was the only really tall man on the whole Oregon State squad. Jim Catterall and Fred "Happy" Lee, speedy but half-pint guards, were even smaller than the Don Durdan - Lew Beck guard combination of the 1942-43 quintet. Forwards Allen Anderson and George Sertie were 5'11" and 6'2" respectively. There were only two men on the starting five hitting six feet. Others showing promise were Dale Hiatt, Bud Fortier, Don Eldridge, Glen Patton, Jack Simms, Wayne Mayfield, John Hendricks, John Moore, Bernie McGrath, and Dick Murchy. A late arrival to the Beaver basketball ranks was Bob Reiman, Orange track letterman and fullback on the Rook football team. He reported for practice late because of an operation for a knee injury suffered in football.

With the strong possibility of his basketball squad members being called into the service at any time during the season, Slat was attempting to develop a large group of men capable of playing varsity ball.

Willamette University 23 -- O.S.C. 28, Corvallis, Oregon, December 10, 1943.

The Beavers opened their season on December 10 with a 28-to-23 victory over Willamette University in a game played at Corvallis. Both teams played ragged ball, with baskets a rarity in the first half. With seven minutes of the first half, Willamette led 2-to-1, and it was nine minutes before Jim Catterall, Beaver guard, sank the first field goal of the game. The Orangemen moved to a 13-to-7 half-time score and were never headed. With 15 minutes gone in the second half, the Navy-cats put on a spurt to narrow the Beavers' advantage to 24-to-12, but O.S.C. tightened its defense to shut off the Willamette rally. Leading the Beaver attack were guards Allen Anderson and Jim Catterall with nine points apiece.

Regular Fred "Happy" Lee missed the opening game due to an infected foot. Another casualty was George Sertic who suffered a fractured wrist when he crashed into the bleachers early in the contest.

Albina Hellships 47 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon, December 11, 1943.

The Beavers lost to the Albina Hellships, 47-to-39, in their second outing of the young season. A hot streak in the last 10 minutes of the first half and the first 10 minutes of the second half gave the Hellships their victory. Allen Anderson put the Orange in the lead at the start by sinking a free throw. Two quick field goals by Jim Catterall gave the Beavers a 9-to-4 lead at the eight minute mark. And then the visitors got hot and surged into a 25-to-14 lead at the half. Continuing where they left off, Albina built its lead to 33-to-18 at

the seven minute mark in the second half, and it looked as if the Beavers were thoroughly whipped. The Beavers came back strongly at this point, and with Jim Catterall leading a blistering attack, the Orangemen, with 12 minutes gone, narrowed the margin to 30-to-40. A basket by Catterall brought the count to 41-to-34 with five minutes left in the game. Albina went into a stall and held the surging Beavers off for the remaining minutes of the contest. Leading the Beavers throughout the contest was the former all-stater from Pendleton, Jim Catterall, who scored 18 points.

Tillamook Naval Air Station 30 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 13, 1943.

Oregon State's young basketball squad hung up its second win in three starts when it defeated the Tillamook Naval Air Station, 39-to-30. The Beavers took an early lead in the game and were never behind, leading at the half 26-to-14. Coach Gill used his second stringers freely in the second half, and with five minutes left in the game the Navy five brought the score to 34-to-30. With the first five back in the contest, the Beavers regained their composure and iced the contest on two field goals by Fred "Happy" Lee and Bud Fortier. Jim Catterall and "Happy" Lee led all scorers with 12 points apiece.

Tillamook Naval Air Station 36 -- O.S.C. 38, Tillamook, Oregon,  
December 16, 1943.

Oregon State made it two straight over the Tillamook Air Station with a close 38-to-36 victory.

A tight first quarter resulted in a 9-9 tie at the end of the quarter. With an Oregon State uprising in the second quarter the half-time score favored the Orangemen, 22-to-14. The Air Station quintet came back in the second half and overcame the Beaver eight-point lead and went ahead at the start of the fourth quarter 31-to-28. At this point the Orangemen staged a rally on Fred "Happy" Lee's field goal that tied the score and then went ahead on Allen Anderson's basket midway through the period and held the advantage until the final gun. Fred Lee, with 11 points, led the Beaver scoring and was closely followed by Allen Anderson with nine and Bob Reiman with eight points.

Northern Division Jamboree, Astoria, Oregon, December 17-18, 1943.

The cream of the northwest's college basketball went on parade at Astoria, Oregon, where four of the five Northern Division schools were pooled in an All-Oregon vs. All-Washington jamboree. Participating in the basketball carnival was Oregon State, Oregon, Washington, and Washington State. Coach Gill took along to Astoria a squad of ten men which included nine freshmen and one sophomore. Making the trip were Bob Reiman, Allen Anderson, Frank Marshik, Fred Lee, Jim Catterall, Dale Hiatt, Bud Fortier, Jim Hendricks, Jack Simms, and Bernie McGrath.

The Beavers made quite an impression on the basketball fans who attended the jamboree. The first night's efforts resulted in one victory and one tie. The freshmen-dominated quintet defeated W.S.C., in the first night's 20 minute game, 27-to-17. The second 20 minute contest found the Beavers meeting the University of Washington, first game winners over Oregon, and after 20 minutes of exciting basketball the

teams were tied at 17-all. Beaver standouts against Washington State were Bob Reiman, Jim Catterall and "Happy" Lee, who scored 11, 8, and 6 points respectively. Against Washington Jim Catterall again led the Beavers and received help from Bud Fortier and Allen Anderson who scored five and four points.

Saturday night Gill's men dropped two close decisions to the same clubs, losing to the Huskies 23-to-20 and to the Cougars 25-to-22. Bob Reiman led the Orangemen in scoring against the Washington Huskies with a total of eight points. Jim Catterall and Fred "Happy" Lee followed with six and five points respectively.

Against the Washington State Cougars the scoring was spread out evenly among Fred Lee with six points, Allen Anderson four, Bob Reiman four, Jim Catterall three, Frank Marshik and Bernie McGrath two, and Bud Fortier one. Jim Catterall had the distinction of ranking second in scoring for the two nights with a total of 25 points. The leading scorer of the tournament was Washington's Jack Nichols.

Pacific Packards 49 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, December 20, 1943.

Oregon State returned home to Corvallis and opened a two-game series against the Pacific Packards of Portland which resulted in two defeats for the Orangemen.

The young Beavers ran up against a team loaded with ex-college ball players and did a remarkable job before going down to defeat, 49-to-43, in an overtime contest. The contest was fast and rough all the way, with numerous fouls being called on each team. Packards held a 22-to-19 lead at half time. Soon after the start of the second

period, however, Oregon State rallied and galloped into a 31-to-25 lead but couldn't hold the advantage. A counter rally by the Packards tied the count at 31-all and the game was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way.

With a minute left in the regular playing time, Bob Reiman sank a field goal to knot the score at 42-all. Allen Anderson, Beaver forward, missed a free throw with about 30 seconds to go that might have won the game for Oregon State.

In the overtime the Packards scored seven points to the Beavers' one which gave them their victory.

Leading the Beavers in scoring was Bud Fortier with 12 points and was followed by Bernie McGrath with eight points. Three men, Bob Reiman, Frank Marshik and Fred Lee, scored six points apiece.

Pacific Packards 33 -- O.S.C. 31, Corvallis, Oregon, December 21, 1943.

The second contest between the two teams resulted in another Packard victory in another close contest, 33-to-31. During the first half the play was nip-and-tuck all the way with neither team holding an advantage. The Packards led at half time 14-to-13 on the strength of a foul shot made by Bill Osterhou after the gun ended the period. The second half was even, neither team holding a margin of more than four points, till the last five minutes when the A.A.U. team forged ahead. They broke a 29-29 deadlock on two field goals, one by Roy Pflugrad and the other by Buzz Rayler. Allen Anderson, Beaver forward, matched one of the goals, but Bud Fortier's last-minute desperation shot skimmed the basket and bounded away, giving the Packards their win.

In both games the Orangemen played minus the services of Jim Catterall, high scoring guard, who returned home to take an Army physical before entering the Army. After eight of their 10 preseason games played, the young Beavers were given a 10 day vacation during the Christmas holidays. It was learned at this time that Jim Catterall was accepted by the Navy and would be lost to the Beavers indefinitely, which was a serious blow to Oregon State's hopes.

Willamette University 35 -- O.S.C. 27, Salem, Oregon, December 31, 1943.

The Beavers returned to the maple court after their 10-day rest period and vacation only to run into a highly determined Willamette University quintet and went down to defeat, 35-to-27, in a New Year's Eve basketball game. Willamette found the Beaver zone defense a tough one to crack most of the first half, but threw a tight zone at the Beavers themselves. When the Cats did get through, they missed badly but managed to lead four times to the Orangemen's three while seeing the game tied three times before the half ended. Oregon State left the floor in front 15-to-14. Willamette came out strong at the start of the second half when George Lund scored a long one-hander to push the Cats ahead where they stayed till the final gun. In the meantime Oregon State was finding out that their long rest over the holiday season was taking its toll in their inability to hit their shots. Leading the weak Beaver attack was Fred Lee with a total of six points. Right behind Lee were three men with five points apiece; Bob Reiman, Bernie McGrath, and Allen Anderson.

Albina Hellships 45 -- O.S.C. 29, Portland, Oregon, January 3, 1944.

Oregon State closed out their preseason schedule with the Albina Hellships and went down to another defeat, 45-to-29. Admittedly the number one team in independent cage circles, they had too much power and speed for the young Beavers. The triumph was the second they recorded over Coach Gill's young charges and their twenty-fourth victory in as many starts.

The Hellships quintet with Morrie Stremich leading the way gained a 23-to-13 lead at half time, and in the second half the veteran independents were content to sit back and trade baskets at a nearly even rate of exchange until, in the waning minutes, they again turned on the heat to fatten their already sizable margin. Oregon State's scoring was spread throughout the ball club with the highest total being six points, which was achieved by three men; Fred "Happy" Lee, Jack Simms, and Ed Varnet. The Orangemen finished their preseason schedule with a record of three wins and five losses.

With the conference schedule staring them in the face after the loss of three of their best guards to the Armed Forces, the Beaver chances in the conference campaign looked very weak. Shortly after Jim Catterall's departure for the Navy, Bud Fortier and reserve guard Hal Zwicher also left the campus for induction into the Armed Services. To help fill the gap Slat Gill moved Bernie McGrath and Jack Simms from forwards to guards.

### Conference Games.

University of Idaho 34 -- O.S.C. 39, Moscow, Idaho, January 7, 1944.

The Beavers opened their conference play with the invasion of the Inland Empire. Their first opponents were the University of Idaho Vandals, who, like other Northern Division schools, were somewhat of an unknown quantity. With a field goal by George Sertic, O.S.C. got off to a good start in the Northern Division conference basketball race as they went on to defeat the Vandals of Idaho, 39-to-34. Idaho quickly recovered after Sertic's basket to go ahead to lead the Beavers most of the first half. In the last two minutes of the half the Beavers came to life and on field goals by Allen Anderson, Dale Haitt, and "Happy" Lee, which gained a 23-to-16 advantage at half time. During the second half the Orangemen maintained their pace until midway through the period when Idaho made a determined bid to overcome the Beavers. They worked the score to 31-to-29 in Oregon State's favor only to have the Beavers boost their lead to 39-to-30 three minutes before the end of the game. Leading the Beavers to their first victory was Allen Anderson, Fred Lee, and George Sertic. Anderson contributed 11 points to lead the Beavers in the scoring department.

University of Idaho 34 -- O.S.C. 38, Moscow, Idaho, January 8, 1944.

It was a repeat performance for O.S.C. in the second game as they overcame an Idaho lead for their victory. The Vandals took the lead at the start of the game and held it throughout the first half; the Beavers got no nearer than three points of the Vandals except for a 2-to-1 score at the outset. Idaho again started the scoring in the

second half when a free throw by Dale Albin, Idaho guard, and a field goal by Tom Collins, Idaho guard, in the first minute and a half put the score at 22-to-16. Then the Orangemen opened up and took over the lead at 25-to-22 as Frank Marshik hit a field goal. Allen Anderson followed with two and Fred "Happy" Lee scored a field goal and a free throw. The score then see-sawed back and forth until with one half minute to go, Oregon State took a 36-to-22 lead on a field goal by Allen Anderson and a free throw by George Sertic and "Happy" Lee. Idaho tallied once more on a field goal to have it exactly equalled by Allen Anderson's two-pointer. Anderson again led the Beaver scoring attack with a total of 14 points. Next in line was "Happy" Lee with nine points.

Washington State College 45 -- O.S.C. 41, Pullman, Washington,  
January 10, 1944.

Oregon State moved over to Pullman, Washington, for Monday and Tuesday night games with Washington State College, the opening games in conference play for the Cougars. The Beavers ran into a determined Cougar quintet and, consequently, dropped a 45-to-41 decision and thus received their first conference defeat. The hot Cougars had to break into the division leadership the hard way, rallying from a half-time deficit of 14-to-24. In the first half it was the work of Bernie McGrath and Fred Lee that gave the Orangemen a ten-point lead. The Beavers got their first lead at 6-to-5 and widened the gap steadily until the half. Washington State started after the Beavers as soon

as the second half opened with two quick goals by Bob Rennick. O.S.C. tried desperately to stay in front, but Dale Hiatt's making two of three field goals only delayed the issue as Washington State scored six quick points which tied the score at 31-31 midway through the half.

Oregon State again moved ahead with a 37-to-32 advantage only to have W.S.C. put on another spurt, with Mort Joslin leading the attack. The Beavers tried desperately to close this lead, but with two minutes remaining Washington State used a successful stall. Leading scorers for the Orangemen were Fred Lee with 12 points, Bernie McGrath with 11 and Allen Anderson with 7 points.

Washington State College 49 -- O.S.C. 35, Pullman, Washington,  
January 11, 1944.

Washington State made it two straight over the Beavers with a 49-to-35 victory. The Beavers made their sole threat of the game when they held an 11-to-6 advantage midway through the first half. Allen Anderson and Bernie McGrath hit field goals to give their Orangemen the bulge. W.S.C. came back on baskets by Mort Joslin and Warren Lagen to tie the score at 12-all. After a Cougar free throw Fred Lee hit with a field goal to push Oregon State ahead 14-to-13. The Cougars went back into the lead immediately on three points by Verne Carstens and then steadily moved to a seven point advantage at half time, 24-to-17. During the second half the Beavers tried desperately to narrow the gap but never succeeded and W.S.C. went on to the victory.

The decision left the Beavers in second place with two wins and

two losses behind the University of Washington and Washington State who were tied for first place with two victories and no defeats. Oregon State's next outing was against the University of Oregon and the hopes of beating the Ducks faded to almost nothing after it was learned that Frank Marshik and John Henricks were declared ineligible for the rest of the season because of scholastic troubles. Adding to these losses was the fact that George Sertic was ineligible to play against the Ducks because he transferred to Oregon State from Oregon at the start of the fall quarter. The loss of these men left the Orangemen at a terrific disadvantage because of Oregon's tremendous height.

Oregon State's troubles were lightened somewhat with the registering in school of Hal Puddy, 6'3½" freshman from Hood River. Puddy was not in school fall term and registered just in time to become eligible for the coming Oregon game. He worked out with the Beavers for two games and showed promise enough that Coach Gill started him at center against the Ducks.

University of Oregon 52 -- O.S.C. 33, Eugene, Oregon, January 15, 1944.

With their tremendous height advantage the Oregon Ducks dominated the opening contest of the annual four-game series so much that they romped to a 52-to-33 victory over the handicapped Beavers. Tied at 4-4, 6-6, and 8-8 early in the first half, the Webfoots with Bob Hamilton and Ernie Danner setting the pace, forged into a 22-to-12 lead at intermission and they were never threatened from that point onward. During the second half the Webfoots maintained their pace and were leading all the way with the score reading 47-to-23 late in the half.

Coach Howard Hobson hauled in reserves and they allowed the Orangemen to catch up just a bit. Leading the Beavers in the scoring parade were Hal Puddy, new Beaver center, with 11 points and Allen Anderson with 9. The Beaver record now stood at two wins and three losses for conference play. This record gave them third spot in the conference standings. Oregon State had a full week of inactivity which gave them extra time to prepare for the invasion of the Washington Huskies.

The Orangemen's hopes were somewhat brightened with the return of George Sertic, who was able to participate against Washington.

University of Washington 38 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 24, 1944.

Washington's title defending Huskies maintained their undefeated record in the conference race with a 38-to-33 victory over a stubborn Beaver quintet. The Huskies needed all the basket shooting finesse they possessed at the foul line to turn back the under-rated Beavers. Oregon State tossed in 13 field goals to the 11 for the Huskies, but victorious Washington collected 16 free throws and the Beavers only seven and that little difference was the margin between defeat and victory. Breaking a 3-3 deadlock early in the first half the Huskies broke loose and took a lead they never relinquished, although the Beavers closed to 22-to-29 five minutes from the final gun with three quick baskets by Jack Simms, Beaver guard. Top scoring went to Allen Anderson, O.S.C. guard, with a total of 14 points. Closest to Anderson, on the Beaver side, was Jack Simms, with 7 points.

University of Washington 42 -- O.S.C. 36, Corvallis, Oregon, January 25, 1944.

In the second contest of the two-game series a gallant last quarter bid by the Orangemen went for naught as they fell short of stopping the Huskies by six points as they went down to defeat 42-to-36. Washington's victory gave them a clean sweep of their Willamette Valley invasion. The game started nip-and-tuck and the score was tied four times before the Huskies finally managed to pull ahead midway in the first half. With the score 15-to-12, Al Mar combined with Jack Nichols to pour in four quick field goals, giving Washington a 23-to-12 lead at the half. Washington dominated the second half until with six minutes left and O.S.C. trailing by 12 points, "Happy" Lee started a Beaver rally that almost caught the Huskies. Bob Reiman started it with a field goal and he followed with two more, but Washington began stalling and O.S.C. never had a chance to close the gap. "Happy" Lee dominated the Beaver scoring with a 12 point second half and 14 point total for the game. Next in line was Allen Anderson with six points.

Their two defeats at the hands of the Huskies left the Orangemen in fourth place with a record of two wins and five losses. After their two defeats by the Huskies of Washington the Orangemen looked forward to their second meeting with Oregon with two objectives in mind. One was to gain revenge for the 52-to-33 trimming handed them at Eugene and the other was to stay out of the cellar spot in the Northern Division race.

University of Oregon 43 -- O.S.C. 38, Corvallis, Oregon, January 29, 1944.

Oregon State's chances of winning depended largely upon how well the Beavers stopped Bob Hamilton, high scoring Duck guard, and how successfully the Orange combatted the Webfoots' tremendous height advantage. The Beavers' determined attempt to gain their two objectives made Oregon go into overtime to gain a 43-to-38 victory. Action in the first half was nip-and-tuck, with first one and then the other dominating the situation. The Beavers were on the long end of a 16-to-15 score at the end of the first half. The second half action followed along the same lines and resulted in a 33-33 score at the end of the regulation playing time. In the overtime the Webfoots came in and ran up 10 points to the Beavers' five. Oregon's ability to hit the hoop from the free-throw line was the difference between defeat and victory. They trailed in field goals 13-to-17, but rang up 17 free throws to only five for the Orangemen.

The winners crawled out of the Northern Division cellar by their triumph and O.S.C. dropped into the cellar as a result of the defeat.

Keeping the Beavers in the game was mainly the work of Allen Anderson with 14 points and Fred "Happy" Lee with nine points. Other important scorers for the Beavers were Jack Simms and Hal Puddy, both with six points.

University of Washington 54 -- O.S.C. 30, Seattle, Washington, February 4, 1944.

With only two victories in nine games the Beavers' chances of breaking back into the win column looked very slim as they headed for Seattle and a two-game date with the University of Washington. Beavers making the trip were George Sertic, Ed Vannet, Hal Puddy, Allen Anderson, "Happy" Lee, Dale Hiatt, Jack Simms, Bob Reiman, John Moore, and Bernie McGrath. Oregon State ran into a humiliating 54-to-30 defeat in the first contest of two against the Huskies. Holding the Beavers without a field goal until two minutes after the start of the second half, the Huskies romped to their easy victory. In the first half Oregon State tallied three foul shots and was awarded a field goal when Jack Nichols, Washington center, touched the O.S.C. basket while Fred "Happy" Lee's shot was in the air. Washington had 26 points to the Beavers' five at half time. The second half saw Washington stick with their Navy trainee quintet and it resulted in their running up a 46-to-12 lead. At this point Hec Edmondson, Washington coach, sent his second stringers into the contest and it resulted in the Orange team's racking up 18 points to the Huskies' eight. Of that 54 point Washington total, all but 13 points, or 41 in all were by the experienced hands. On the other side of it, Oregon State managed to score only 11 points against the trainee quintet, but 19 points against the second stringers. All in all it was just a case of too much experience against too little. Oregon State was without the services of Dale Hiatt, reserve forward, as he was rushed to the Seattle General Hospital for an emergency appendix operation.

University of Washington 56 -- O.S.C. 29, Seattle, Washington,  
February 5, 1944.

The Huskies again dominated the situation and it resulted in their fourth win of the season over the Beavers and a clean sweep of their series. The game was different from that of the previous evening in one respect; Washington as well as Oregon State missed a large portion of its shots. This victory also gave Washington 11 straight conference wins. Washington State was the last team to stop the title bound Huskies, on February 13, 1943. Washington jumped into a 32-to-15 half-time lead with guard Bill Morris leading the way with 19 points. Little "Happy" Lee, Oregon State's Chinese ace, drew big "ohs" from the crowd early in the game when on three occasions he came through with field goals from just inside the center line. He added three free throws in the second half to lead the Beavers with nine points. Closest to Lee in the Beaver point-making department was Hal Puddy with six.

Returning to Corvallis with an eight-game losing streak hanging over their heads and an opportunity to break that streak and also climb out of the cellar gave the Beavers added incentive as they started preparing for their two-game series against Idaho. In preparing for Idaho "Slats" Gill stressed offensive tactics in practice during the week and was well pleased with the results. As usual, guards Allen Anderson and Fred "Happy" Lee were expected to lead the Orange attack. Anderson was in third place in the league scoring race with 86 points

in ten games while Lee was close behind in fourth place with 79.

University of Idaho 28 -- O.S.C. 34, Corvallis, Oregon, February 11, 1944.

The hard work put in by the Beavers during their practice sessions paid off in Friday night's 34-to-28 victory over the Vandals of the University of Idaho. The victory broke the Beavers' losing streak. The affair was nip-and-tuck throughout except for an early surge by the Vandals which netted them a 10-to-5 lead at the 10 minute mark. Oregon State rallied, however, and took a 16-to-15 lead, which they lost in the final minutes of the half when Dave Ablin, Idaho forward, hit with a field goal, giving the visitors a 17-to-16 advantage. In the second half the teams battled on even terms and were tied at 24-all as they passed the ten minute mark. After a long sequence of missed shots, Oregon State hustled into a 29-to-24 lead with Allen Anderson doing the scoring aided by a free throw by Hal Puddy. Idaho made one more bid and came to within one point of the Orangemen but Bernie McGrath hit for the Beavers which gave them a three-point advantage and from then on the Staters dominated the issue. Leading the Beavers in scoring were Allen Anderson and George Sertic with nine points apiece.

University of Idaho 48 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, February 12, 1944.

Oregon State's second straight victory over the Vandals was an important one as it pulled them out of the cellar and gave them a two-game winning streak. They had to go into an overtime to gain this 52-to-48 victory; so it was doubly gratifying. The game started slowly,

with sloppy passing, ball handling and shooting by both sides before about 600 spectators. Idaho managed to squeeze out a one-point advantage at half time 20-to-19. After an action-packed second half, which saw both teams holding advantages at different times, Idaho managed a 44-to-43 lead with 10 seconds remaining. At this point "Happy" Lee put Oregon State back into the game with a free throw which sent the contest into an overtime. In the overtime four field goals by Oregon State and one by Idaho along with two free throws was the extent of the scoring. Scoring Oregon State's free throws were Allen Anderson, Hal Puddy and two by "Hap" Lee while Idaho's field goals were scored by Jay Gano and Leonard Payne. Oregon State's scoring was dominated by three men, Allen Anderson with 18, "Happy" Lee with 12, and Bob Reiman with 10.

With a two-game winning streak under their belts the Beavers looked forward to their meeting with the Ducks of the University of Oregon. The Beavers were determined to keep the Ducks from sweeping the annual series for the first time since 1937. Their first meeting was scheduled at Eugene on Friday and the second and final set-to at Corvallis the next night.

University of Oregon 46 -- O.S.C. 38, Eugene, Oregon, February 18, 1944.

Owing to the wartime transfer rule, the Beavers again were without the services of George Sertic, first string forward. Oregon made it three straight over the Beavers with a 46-to-38 victory to assure them the series and also a tie for a second place position in the

conference standings. Oregon State never held the advantage, but the Beavers were in the ball game until the final five minutes. The half-time score was 19-to-14. Fred Lee scored in the first two minutes of the second half to narrow the margin to 19-to-18. The score was 20-to-19 two minutes later, but from then on the Oregonians moved in front with always a comfortable margin. The contest was marked by furious battling under the backboards which resulted in numerous fouls being called. Oregon State lost Allen Anderson and Hal Puddy via the four foul route, and Oregon lost George Bray and Lee Winberly. Leading the Beaver attack was Fred "Hap" Lee with 11 points and Jack Simms with 10 points.

University of Oregon 42 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon, February 19, 1944.

Oregon State lost their fourth and final game of the series to Oregon in a hard fought 42-to-39 basketball game. It was the first time since 1937 that the Ducks had swept the four-game series. During the first half the play was nip-and-tuck all the way with the Beavers outmaneuvering the taller Webfoots and sinking seven of 25 shots from the field to Oregon's six of 18. The lead changed three times and the score was tied the same number of times. Oregon State managed to gain a two point advantage at half, 21-to-19.

The second half was just the reverse as the Orangemen lost their shooting eye, and Oregon's shooting percentage picked up. Oregon State could only hit seven of 32 attempts while the Ducks hit with uncanny

accuracy to make seven out of 11 attempts.

With five minutes left, and the score 36-to-32, the Beavers had numerous attempts but failed to score, and a quick basket by Oregon made it 38-to-32 with three minutes remaining. In the last minute of play, with the score reading 42-to-33, the Beavers on field goals by "Hap" Lee, Bob Reiman, and Allen Anderson, closed the gap to three points as the clock ran out and the game ended with the Beavers three points short.

The Beavers were out to clinch third place in the final Northern Division standings in their final two appearances of the year against Washington State College. A sweep of the Cougar series could assure Gill's men no more than a tie for third place with Idaho. Even a split would have given the Beavers a pretty fair chance of at least tying for third.

Washington State College 52 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 25, 1944.

In the first contest of the two the Washington State Cougars overcame a 22-to-10 half-time deficit to win 52-to-45.

The first half was all Oregon State, for the Cougars just couldn't hit the hoop. They hit only four out of 24 shots from the field while the Beavers got 8 of 32. Allen Anderson opened the scoring for the Beavers. Chuck Brayton countered for W.S.C. Bernie McGrath put the Beavers out in front with two field goals and they pulled away to what appeared an almost insurmountable half-time lead.

The Cougars roared back on two baskets by Mort Joslin, Bob Rennick, and another by Joslin before Oregon State could tally. With three minutes gone the Cougars trailed 18-to-23. A minute and a half later, with the score 20-to-28, Washington State launched a sensational rally which netted them 18 points in seven minutes while holding the Beavers scoreless. The spurt put them ahead 38-to-28, and they managed to trade baskets almost on even terms the rest of the way. They made 18 of 27 field goals good in the second half.

Oregon State's Anderson, who needed 38 points to displace Oregon's Bob Hamilton as league top scorer, with 172 points, and Wally Borrevik in second place, with 167, hit for 13. He then needed 25 points in the final game to beat Hamilton, 20 points to displace Borrevik.

Washington State College 44 -- O.S.C. 55, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 26, 1944.

In a struggle on both sides to keep out of the cellar, Oregon State turned the tables on Washington State for a 55-to-44 victory. Oregon State jumped into a four-point lead in the first quarter and had a five-point margin at half time. During the second half both teams had their ups and downs as Oregon State fell behind five points during the third period and only to reverse the tables on Washington State during the fourth quarter. Going into the final ten minutes of play, trailing the Cougars, the Beavers rallied to score 14 points against eight for the Cougars. Allen Anderson was the game's high

scorer with 18 points. This gave him a season's total of 166 and a safe hold on third place in the Northern Division for individual scoring. Just one more point and he'd have tied Oregon's Wally Borrevik, who finished second with his 167 total.

Other principal scorers for the Beavers were Fred "Happy" Lee 113, Bernie McGrath and Hal Puddy 74, Bob Reiman 53, Jack Simms 50, and George Sertic 37.

Two Beavers received all-star recognition in Northern Division play. They were Fred "Happy" Lee and Allen Anderson.

Coach "Slats" Gill recommended that 10 members of the 1943-44 basketball team receive awards. They were Allen Anderson, Bob Reiman, George Sertic, Frank Marshik, Fred "Happy" Lee, Bernie McGrath, Dale Hiatt, Hal Puddy, Jack Simms, and Ed Vannet.

## 1944-45 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

With hopes of bettering the previous year's record, the Oregon State basketball team started rounding into shape after two months of practice. The Beavers had four lettermen returning, a trio of varsity reserves, and a good group of freshmen making up the squad. The four lettermen and a varsity reserve who was almost good enough as a sophomore on the strong 1941 squad to win his letter made up the Beaver starting quintet. Slat Gill was working with Ted Henningsen and George Sertic as his forwards, Hal Puddy, center, Bernie McGrath and Jack Simms as his guards. Henningsen was the transfer from the 1941 team who was expected to help the Beavers a great deal. He was 6'6" tall. Other men who were getting quite a bit of attention from Coach Gill were Dick Strait and Ed Stagg, freshmen forwards, Johnny Moore, varsity reserve and Larry West and Bob Labhart, freshmen guards.

Willamette University 30 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, November 24, 1944.

The Orangemen opened their season with a 43-to-30 victory over the Willamette Navycats in a game played at Corvallis. Oregon State opened with a starting five consisting of Ted Henningsen, George Sertic, forwards; Hal Puddy, center; and Bernie McGrath and Jack Simms, guards. This quintet started the Beavers off on the right foot, for they had a torrid first half against the Navycats and led 27-to-18

at the half. The Beavers connected on 12 out of 32 attempts in the hot first half. In the second half the game was much steadier as both clubs tightened defensively. Oregon State's great height advantage helped the situation a great deal. Leading the Orangemen were center, Hal Puddy, who came up with a total of 16 points all made on field goals, and Bernie McGrath with 9 points.

Willamette University 30 -- O.S.C. 36, Salem, Oregon, November 25, 1944.

The Beavers resumed action the following night against Willamette at Salem. Their venture resulted in another victory over Willamette by the score of 36-to-30. Faster and scrappier than the Beavers and hitting a good percentage of their shots, the Cats were in command all through the first half. It took the Orangemen nine minutes to hit a field goal, and at the 10-minute mark they were trailing 9-to-3. O.S.C. came on strongly from that point, and seconds before the gun they had tied the score at 16-all. Willamette went ahead on a basket as the gun sounded to give them an 18-to-16 half-time lead. The second half saw Willamette maintain a narrow lead for ten minutes, but with nine minutes left, center Hal Puddy and Bernie McGrath led a Beaver attack that put them ahead where they stayed until the final gun. It was the second victory of the new season for the Beavers. Leading them on to victory was Bernie McGrath who hit for 12 points.

Oregon Medical School 31 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, November 28, 1944.

Oregon State made it three straight in their preseason campaign with a 35-to-31 victory over the Oregon Medical School quintet. The first quarter was slow with neither team hitting many shots. With Bernie McGrath leading the way, the Orange raced to a commanding 21-to-12 lead at half time. The Medics rallied to get back in the ball game after the half but could not quite close the gap, even with Beaver center Hal Puddy out of the game with a twisted ankle and Ted Henningsen out on fouls. Leading in the scoring department for the Beavers were McGrath and George Sertic with nine and eight points respectively.

Astoria Naval Air Base 38 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, November 30, 1944.

Oregon State kept its preseason undefeated record intact with a 44-to-38 victory over the Astoria Naval Air Base quintet. The Staters led all the way from the opening gun and managed a comfortable 26-to-15 half-time lead, but were forced by the sailors in the closing minutes when they cut the margin to four points. Heading the list of Beaver scorers was Hal Puddy with a total of 12 points. Next in line was Bernie McGrath with nine.

Seattle Coast Guard 33 -- O.S.C. 43, Corvallis, Oregon, December 2, 1944.

The Beavers' next outing was against the strong Seattle Coast Guard five, and it resulted in a 43-to-33 win to keep their victory streak intact at five straight. It was a good win for the Orangemen, for the Coast Guard team was made up of ex-college and ex-high school

stars headed by Ted Sarpola, ex-Oregon ace. Another of the outstanding ball players for the sailors was Ward Paldanius, ex-Astoria High star. The coast guardsmen went to work on the Beavers and moved out to an early lead and maintained it throughout the first half. The half ended with the Coast Guardsmen leading 18-to-15. They maintained their lead until midway in the second half when a basket by George Sertic knotted the count at 26-26. At this point the Orangemen forged steadily ahead and won going away. Leading the Oregon Staters was Hal Puddy with 14 points, but he received quite a bit of help from Sertic, Ted Henningsen and Jack Simms, who scored seven points apiece. Leading all scorers, though, was Ward Paldanius, ex-Astoria High star, with a total of 18 points.

Tillamook Naval Air Station 31 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 5, 1944.

In their next outing, the Beavers made it three straight over military teams as they defeated the Tillamook Naval Air Station, 49-to-31, in a game played at Oregon State College. It marked O.S.C.'s sixth win and was a comparatively easy victory. The Beavers took an early lead and were ahead at the half 21-to-15. They increased the margin as the second period progressed until Slat Gill began clearing the bench of substitutes. George Sertic led the team scoring with 10 points being closely followed by Jack Simms with eight points.

Willamette University 30 -- O.S.C. 48, Corvallis, Oregon, December 8,  
1944.

Oregon State scored its seventh straight victory as they made it three straight over Willamette University. The score was 48-to-30. The Beavers went into an early lead and held a seven-point margin after the first five minutes and a 26-to-22 margin at half time. During the second half the Beavers stiffened and held the Navycats to a single field goal and six points while scoring 22 points themselves. Bernie McGrath and Jack Simms led the point parade, scoring 11 and 10 points respectively. Ted Henningsen and Bob Labhart contributed eight and seven points respectively.

Willamette University 27 -- O.S.C. 33, Salem, Oregon, December 9, 1944.

Trying desperately to keep Oregon State from making a clean sweep of their four-game series, the Willamette University quintet put everything they had into the final contest which still wasn't good enough as O.S.C. defeated them 33-to-27. The Cats gave the Orange a tight game all the way, but could not stave off a second-half rally on the part of Coach Gill's veteran five. Willamette was ahead at 18-to-14 at the half-way point but could not penetrate the Beavers' tight defense for just two baskets during the second half. George Sertic was the big scorer on the Beaver side as he led the second-half drive and also ended up with a total of 11 points to lead all Beavers in the scoring department.

Fee's Music Makers 43 -- O.S.C. 26, Corvallis, Oregon, December 16, 1944.

The Beavers' first venture of the year into the A.A.U. ranks

was unsuccessful as they went down to defeat at the hands of the strong Fee's Music Makers by the score of 43-to-26. This defeat halted the Beavers' win streak at eight straight. Fee's took the lead at the outset and were never challenged after leading away from 3-to-1 and 5-to-3 leads to run up a 22-to-10 score at the halfway mark. The Beavers never threatened as Fee's continued to outplay them in the second half. Oregon State's scoring was held to a minimum with George Sertic leading the pack with eight points.

Tillamook Naval Air Station 27 -- O.S.C. 47, Tillamook, Oregon,  
December 21, 1944.

The Beavers, victorious in eight out of nine of their preseason games, took to the road for their next games. Their main objective was the second annual Northern Division jamboree at Astoria. On the way they stopped over at Tillamook and defeated the Tillamook Naval Air Station for the second time. The Beavers won by twenty points, 47-to-27. Oregon State dominated the play throughout with Bernie McGrath and Hal Puddy leading the way. They scored 15 and 12 points respectively. Others who participated and made up the traveling squad were Jack Simms, George Sertic, Ted Henningsen, Dick Strait, John Moore, Ed Stagg, Larry West and Bob Labhart.

Northern Division Jamboree, Astoria, Oregon, December 22-23, 1944.

After this victory at Tillamook the Orange moved on to Astoria to take part in the second annual jamboree. Oregon State's first opponent was Washington State, and the Beavers ran into a hot Cougar

quintet which defeated them 32-to-14 in a twenty-minute contest. The Cougars, with 6'8" Vince Hansen leading the way, broke a 12-to-12 tie about halfway through the half to go on and gain the victory. Vince Hansen broke the Beavers' back when he started leaving the defense backboard and racing for the other end of the court where he took long passes from Bob Rennick, speedy Cougar guard, and turned them into easy baskets. Oregon State had much difficulty in combatting this maneuver because they lacked speed in their big men. By scoring only 14 points the Orange's individual scoring totals were very low, and all the scoring was done by five men. Jack Simms led with six points and was followed, in order, by Bernie McGrath 4, George Sertic 2, and Ted Henningsen and Hal Puddy, 1 each.

Back for the second twenty minutes the Beavers were pitted against the University of Washington. Oregon State, holding a definite underdog role, battled the Huskies on even terms throughout. With just minutes remaining, O.S.C. led 15-to-14. At this point the Beaver defense let up, and the result was two quick Washington baskets, one by Mosick and the other by Norman Carnovale. This gave the Washingtonians a three-point advantage with 60 seconds remaining only to have Oregon State's Hal Puddy come through with a field goal and cut the Huskies' advantage to one point. Just before the final whistle Whitey King clinched it for Washington with a fast-break basket. Oregon State's scoring was again done by five men; Ted Henningsen and George Sertic led the Beavers with six points apiece and were followed by Hal Puddy with four and Bernie McGrath with one.

The night's festivities resulted in the state of Washington being declared the winner over the state of Oregon when the combined totals of its university and college added up to 63 compared to Oregon's 32.

In the Saturday night contests Oregon State faired much better with two victories against Washington and Washington State. They opened the evening's program with an upset, 32-to-19, win over the Huskies. The Orange hoopers did not show any signs of stage fright which bothered them the previous night. The game was nip-and-tuck through the first ten minutes of play until big Hal Puddy decided to take over and get the Beavers started toward their victory. George Sertic and Hal Puddy broke the 11-11 tie with a pair of free throws apiece. Then Puddy scored four points and his missed foul shot was tipped back in by Ted Henningsen. All this scoring put O.S.C. ahead by seven points and was just a start until successive field goals by Jack Simms, Ted Henningsen, then Simms again, Henningsen, and finally George Sertic with a tip-in turned the game into a rout. Oregon State's scoring was very evenly distributed as Ted Henningsen and George Sertic scored six points apiece, Hal Puddy nine and guard Johnny Moore and Jack Simms four and seven respectively. Slat Gill kept this quintet intact throughout the 20-minute game, using no substitutes.

In the second series of the evening the Beavers met Washington State in a slam-bang affair which found the Orange trailing 11-to-15 with only five minutes left when once more they turned on some of the same power shown against Washington for a close 19-to-16 win. Jack

Simms sank a fast-break lay-in, then dribbled the length of the floor for another. Hal Puddy hit a free throw and Johnny Moore another. Washington State cut the margin to two points, and it looked as if they could tie the score when George Hamilton, the Cougar guard, made a neat steal of the ball and was away for a cripple shot, but got whistled down for a foul instead; when Jack Simms hit the free-throw, it was all over.

University of Oregon wound up with the individual game championship, with three wins and one defeat; Washington and Oregon State both won two and lost two, and Washington State won one and lost three.

Oregon State's next opponents were Fee's Music Makers of Portland who held the only victory over the Beavers. The game was one of two played in Portland, the other against the Oregon Medical School.

Fee's Music Makers 25 -- O.S.C. 40, Portland, Oregon, December 29, 1944.

Getting off to a flying start, the Beavers scored a 40-to-25 victory over the Music Makers and revenged their previous defeat. Paced by Dick Strait, the Beavers scored twice as many points in the first half as did Fee's. The half-time score was 22-to-11, the Musicians failing to break through the strong defense of Coach Gill's Beavers for more than two baskets. Instead of easing up during the second half, the Beavers maintained their torrid pace and were never in doubt of victory. Heading the Orange scoring parade was Strait with 10 points. Other scorers were Johnny Moore 9, Jack Simms 8, Ted Henningsen 7, Bob Labhart 5, and Larry West 2, and Bob Stagg 1.

Oregon Medical School 44 -- O.S.C. 31, Portland, Oregon, December 30, 1944.

The Beavers closed their preseason schedule with a 10-win, 2-loss record, as they were defeated in their last game by the University of Oregon Medical School, 44-to-31, at Jefferson High School in Portland. Previously defeated by the Beavers, the Medics could do no wrong. They fought for every break and simply ran the legs off their rivals.

With their preseason schedule completed, the Beavers started making plans for the opening of Northern Division play. Oregon State's hopes were given quite a boost with the January enrollment of Ephraim "Red" Rocha, the "tall palm" from Honolulu, Hawaii. Rocha was expected to add quite a bit of punch to the Oregon State attack with his outstanding scoring ability along with his 6'8" height to help out the rebound problem.

The Beavers opened their conference schedule by traveling to Seattle and meeting the always tough University of Washington Huskies.

#### Conference Games.

University of Washington 48 -- O.S.C. 45, Seattle, Washington, January 5, 1945.

In as thrilling a finish as ever marked a conference opener at the Washington pavilion, the Huskies defeated Oregon State, 48-to-45. With the score deadlocked at 39-all with five minutes remaining, substitute Norman Carnovale hit three successive field goals to shoot

the Huskies out to a 45-to-39 lead. Oregon State closed to 47-to-45 at the final minute mark but could not keep up the pace as the time ran out. The last five minutes of play were indicative of the entire game. In the first half the game was close all the way except for a momentary six-point Oregon State lead at 22-to-15, about two-thirds through the half. The Huskies spurted at this point and gained themselves a one-point advantage at the half, 28-to-27.

During the half the lead changed hands five times and was tied three times. The Beavers kept up the pressure in the second half mainly on the work of Ted Henningsen and Johnny Moore. At one time during the second half O.S.C. regained the lead at 31-to-29 only to lose it right back to the Huskies who maintained it until the score was tied at 39-all.

Leading the Orange in scoring was Hal Puddy with 12 points, closely followed by Henningsen, who registered 10 points.

Red Rocha made his debut in Oregon State's uniform and showed enough to be rated as an outstanding prospect by Coach Slat's Gill.

University of Washington 42 -- O.S.C. 22, Seattle, Washington,  
January 6, 1945.

Washington made it two straight over the Beavers with a 42-to-22 victory. Oregon State was greatly handicapped when Ted Henningsen, 6'6" forward, was unable to suit up because of a bad cold and sore throat. Both teams looked tired from their tremendous exhibition of the previous night, and despite the lopsided score, the Huskies were

thankful the Beavers weren't "on".

Washington started out slowly, while Hal Puddy busied himself pushing in five straight points for the Beavers. The Huskies came right back with two field goals and a free throw to tie the score but Johnny Moore and Puddy put O.S.C. back in the lead at 9-to-5. And that was the farthest they ever were out in front. Bill Vandenberg tied the Huskies up at 9-9. Bernie McGrath and Don McMillan, Washington center, each scored field goals to make it 11-all, and then the Huskies started moving to take an 18-to-14 advantage at the half. The second half also started slowly but speeded up when Don McMillan found the range for five points for Washington after Puddy, O.S.C.'s center, fouled out. The Huskies stretched their lead to 28-to-14 and kept going, while holding the Beavers to eight points in the entire second period.

After their two defeats the Orangemen returned to Corvallis to begin preparation for the opening game of the annual civil war series. After dropping four straight games to the Webfoots last season, the Beavers were aching for revenge. The Orangemen had a healthy respect for the scoring ability of the Ducks, who averaged 50.5 points a game in preseason contests.

At the last minute, Oregon State's hopes suffered a severe blow when center Hal Puddy was admitted to the infirmary with influenza. Taking his place at the center position was Red Rocha.

University of Oregon 51 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, January 13, 1945.

In a rugged exhibition of basketball the Ducks gained the jump on the Beavers in the opening game of their four-game series. The Ducks were victorious, 51-to-44. All during the game the Beavers seemed to have trouble making the ball get through the hoop, losing many possible points as the ball would spin around the rim of the basket but seldom go in. The first half was a rather close contest which saw the Beavers take an early lead only to be passed by the Ducks with eight minutes to go and finally trailed 23-to-21 at the half.

Oregon continued strong at the start of the second half as Del Smith, Oregon forward, hit two quick field goals and two foul shots, which, coupled with Ken Hayes' tip-in, put the Webfoots in front ten points, 31-to-21, before Larry West made the first Oregon State second-half score on a free throw with four minutes to go. Led by Bernie McGrath, the Beavers, with three and a half minutes remaining, had slammed the Oregon lead down to 39-to-46. Quick points in the last minutes by Bob Hamilton and Dick Wilkins gave the Ducks their first advantage. In the scrappy and hard-fought game, 43 infractions were called. Oregon outscored the Beavers in this department too, with 25 to the Beavers' 18. McGrath was the game's top scorer as he led the field with 18 points.

Washington State College supplied the Beavers with their next conference action as the two teams opened up their series at Corvallis.

Washington State College 32 -- O.S.C. 54, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 16, 1945.

Coach Gill's Beavers came through the grueling battle with Oregon without a serious injury and were in fair shape for the Cougar invasion with the exception of Ted Henningsen who was still bothered by his bad cold. Hal Puddy recovered from the flu and was in good shape for the series. The Beavers finally hit the victory trail with a convincing 54-to-32 victory over the Cougars of Washington State.

It was a close battle in the first half with each team matching each other basket for basket with W.S.C. finally taking a slight lead, 11-to-10, with six minutes gone. The Cougars pushed their lead to 15-to-10 mainly on the work of Vince Hansen, 6'8" center, who scored 11 points in the first seven and a half minutes. At this point Oregon State took time out, and when play was resumed Red Rocha and Bob Labhart started clicking and Oregon State went into the half leading, 21-to-19.

In the second half the Cougars went back into the lead on field goals by Vince Hansen and Bob Rennick. Hal Puddy dropped in two field goals to put the Beavers in front 25-to-23. From then on the Cougars trailed. Of interest to local fans was the presence on the Beavers' starting five of two ex-Corvallis High Spartans, freshmen Larry West and Bob Labhart. Also seeing action for the Beavers was ex-Spartan Ed Stagg, freshman center. Oregon State's scoring was dominated by Labhart with 14 points, Puddy with 12, and Red Rocha with 11.

Washington State College 36 -- O.S.C. 48, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 17, 1945.

In the second meeting of the two old rivals, the Beavers of Oregon State College snared third place in Northern Division basketball standings with a 48-to-36 win over the Cougars. The Orangemen moved to an early lead, running the score to 6-to-0 within five minutes, before Vince Hansen's free throw game Washington State a tally. W.S.C. didn't hit its first field goal, though, until O.S.C. had run up nine points. The Beavers rolled on to a 26-to-19 lead at half time. Red Rocha, the "tall palm" from Honolulu was the one who led the Beavers in their fine first half effort with a total of 12 points.

Oregon State was off to the races again in the second half with Bernie McGrath and Red Rocha running up the count on the Orange side. Tall Vince Hansen of the Cougars caged a lay-in basket after the half began, and for eight and a half minutes afterward the Cougars were held scoreless. Meanwhile the Orange lead had climbed to 39-to-22. Washington State cut the Beaver lead to 12 points shortly afterward, but then Oregon State held the lead to the finish. Leading the scoring parade for both teams was Red Rocha with a total of 19 points and a total of 30 for the series. Other potent Oregon State scorers were McGrath with nine points and Puddy and Labhart with eight points each.

After a day of rest the Beavers swung into full-scale preparation for the invasion of the undefeated Washington Huskies on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, January 23 and 24. The double win over the Cougars not only pulled the Orangemen back into the Northern Division

race, but did wonders for the team morale. Washington went into the series with only its civilians able to compete as the Navy trainees had to be left at home owing to Navy regulations. The Beavers were in top physical shape for the series as Dick Strait, freshman guard, returned to action after an attack of tonsillitis which kept him out of the Cougar series.

University of Washington 43 -- O.S.C. 57, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 23, 1945.

Oregon State snapped the Huskies' winning streak with a great 57-to-43 victory as Red Rocha put on one of the greatest scoring exhibitions seen by Beaver basketball fans. His total for the game was 27 points with 22 of them coming in the first half. It was the biggest night's work ever done on the Oregon State court, and one of the greatest of Northern Division history.

Play during the first half was torrid all the way with Oregon State starting with a wild scoring rush that swept the bewildered Huskies off their feet and the Hec Edmundson men never recovered. The Beavers started on a tip-in by Red Rocha, and with three minutes gone the Beavers had a 10-to-2 lead. With six minutes gone, it was 16-to-4. Washington rallied slightly toward the end of the half, but the Bevos still held a comfortable 36-to-27 margin at the intermission. Red Rocha just couldn't miss during the half as he hit 11 of 15 shots for his 22 point total. The scoring pace slackened somewhat in the second half, with the Orange always in command of the situation and outscoring the Huskies, 21-to-16.

A strong Beaver defense held the Huskies to 14 field goals in 64 attempts for a low 218 per cent, and the Oregon Staters made 27 out of 66 attempts for a 407 per cent.

University of Washington 43 -- O.S.C. 63, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 24, 1945.

Oregon State extended its win streak to four games as it came back and defeated Washington 63-to-43 for the second straight night. The defeat dumped Washington out of the Northern Division leadership with Oregon taking over the first place spot and Oregon State firmly entrenched in third place. The two teams battled on even terms in the opening portion of the game with the score tied at 14-14, at the 13 minute mark. The Beavers turned on the heat in the closing seven minutes to gain a 26-to-19 half-time advantage.

In the second half Oregon State kept right on going and ran their lead to 35-to-19 before the Huskies could count. Play was fairly even the rest of the way with the Beavers gradually building their winning margin to the 20 point difference. For the second straight night it was Red Rocha who led the spectacular Beaver attack as he poured in 21 points to take away high point honors. He had plenty of help on this one as Ted Henningsen turned in one of his better performances as he totaled 15 points.

Oregon State's next appearance was against Washington State College at Pullman, Washington. It was termed a "make or break" series for the Beavers. In order to stay in the thick of the red hot

Northern Division pennant chase the Beavers could not afford to lose more than two games.

Washington State College 46 -- O.S.C. 31, Pullman, Washington,  
January 30, 1945.

The Cougars drew first blood in the two-game series as they ran over the Beavers, 46-to-31. The defeat bounced the Orangemen down to third place in a tie with Washington. Washington State started its victory march when the game was only a few minutes old, moving from a 6-all tie to a 22-to-12 half-time lead. With Red Rocha having trouble finding the range, the Orange attack was greatly slowed down. Oregon State trailed the Cougars through the whole ball game except for a momentary 3-to-2 lead at the start of the game.

The Cougars' tough defense held the Beavers in check throughout the game, with George Sertic and Ted Henningsen high with six points apiece and Red Rocha with five points.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 45, Pullman, Washington,  
January 31, 1945.

In the second and final game of the season between the two schools the Oregon State Beavers came back and won a thrilling double overtime victory, 45-to-42. Besides winning the series, three games to four, the Beavers also regained second place in the conference standings. First half play saw both teams fighting it out on even terms as the count was tied four times which finally ended with the Beavers in front 18-to-15. Leading Oregon State in the first half

was big Red Rocha who scored 15 points, as much as the entire W.S.C. team.

During the second half Oregon State extended its lead to 27-to-19 before the Cougars put together a rally which gained them a tie at 30-30 and again at 32-32 at the end of regular play. In the first overtime period it was again Red Rocha who sparked the Beavers and gave them a momentary lead and victory only to have W.S.C.'s Mort Joslin score a field goal and again knot the count, this time at 38-all. The Beavers eventually gained their victory in the second overtime when Bernie McGrath and Red Rocha combined efforts to put the Orangemen ahead and keep their lead until the final gun. Bernie McGrath cinched the victory with a lay-in with just seconds to go. Red Rocha led all scorers with a grand total of 22 points. Second highest Beaver scorer was Bernie McGrath with 9 points.

The game also made history in the fact that it was the first time in Northern Division Conference history that any basketball game had gone into a second overtime session.

Oregon State moved over to Moscow, Idaho, to open a two-game series for the first meeting of the year between the two schools. Idaho had yet to break into the win column since opening their conference schedule.

University of Idaho 35 -- O.S.C. 43, Moscow, Idaho, February 2, 1945.

Idaho still didn't break into the win column as they failed

to hold Red Rocha under control, and he led the Beavers to a 43-to-35 victory. With Rocha scoring 19 points, the Orangemen were in control of the situation throughout. Idaho held the lead just once, when guard, Len Pyne, scored the opening field goal at the start of the game. Bernie McGrath's free throw and John Moore's field goal put Oregon State ahead, 3-to-2, with less than five minutes played, and the Beavers were never headed. They led at half-time 24-to-14. Ten points by Idaho's center, John Taylor, and long shots by Bill Carbough enabled Idaho to narrow the gap after Red Rocha left the game, midway through the second half, on fouls. Rocha was high point man in the scoring department, for Oregon State and the game, with 19 points. The closest Beaver was Bob Labhart with eight points.

University of Idaho 32 -- O.S.C. 31, Moscow, Idaho, February 3, 1945.

After seven straight defeats the Vandals finally broke into the win column with an upset 32-to-31 victory over the second place Beavers. Idaho took advantage of the Beavers' lack of scoring punch in the first half to run up a comfortable 20-to-14 lead at the half-way point. Oregon State came back strong in the second half, and with two minutes remaining in the game, when the score was tied at 30-all, Ted Henningsen scored a field goal and a free throw. Bob Labhart's free throw with 90 seconds left put Oregon State ahead 31-to-30. With 60 seconds remaining Idaho's Overholser sank a tying free throw. With only 45 seconds remaining, Bill Carbough's free throw gave Idaho its one point victory. Again it was Red Rocha who kept

the Orangemen in the game, all the way, as he connected for 17 points. Henningsen and Jack Simms scored five points apiece to follow Rocha.

The Beavers returned from their Inland Empire trip holding down second place in the conference standings. Oregon State wasted no time, after their return, in settling down to intensive preparations for the second round of the Civil War series with the first place Oregon Webfoots at Eugene. The two teams each had five games left to play, three of which were against each other, and the other two against Idaho. The chief problem which confronted Slat Gill and his men was how to stop the balanced scoring power of the Ducks.

University of Oregon 51 -- O.S.C. 55, Eugene, Oregon, February 10, 1945.

This second meeting of the arch rivals resulted in Oregon State's taking a thrilling 55-to-51 contest from Oregon. The defeat cut Oregon's lead in the championship race to one game over both the Beavers and Washington State, who defeated Washington twice at Pullman to pull up even with O.S.C.

Oregon broke into the scoring column first after 15 seconds on a field goal by Jim Bartelt, but Red Rocha tied it, and then the two teams battled from one tie to another, 7-7, 13-13, 14-14, and 16-16, before Red Rocha sent the Beavers ahead 17-to-16 with a free throw at the nine minute mark. Oregon State started pulling away at this point and was never headed. They enjoyed a 34-to-24 lead at half time.

The Webfoots started the scoring in the second half on two baskets by Dick Wilkins who continued to harass the Beavers until the

time he left the game on personal fouls. With eight minutes remaining, the Ducks, led by Wilkins, put on a spirited rally which cut the Beavers' lead from 12 points to five with just four minutes and 20 seconds remaining. At this point the Ducks' hopes died when Dick Wilkins was ejected from the game on five personal fouls. The Webfoots were only able to score one field goal after Wilkins' departure. Again it was Red Rocha, the tall palm, who led the Bevos with 18 points and with his effective work around the backboards. In the scoring department, Red received some fine help from Bob Labhart, Larry West, Bernie McGrath and Ted Henningsen who scored 13, 9, 8, and 7 respectively.

The two teams moved over to Corvallis for their next meeting. An Oregon State win would move the Beavers into a tie with the Ducks with the result that the championship probably would be decided in the final Duck-Beaver clash.

University of Oregon 43 -- O.S.C. 45, Corvallis, Oregon, February 17, 1945.

In a game that started so fast and rough that four fouls were called on Oregon and one on Oregon State before a field goal was made, the Beavers defeated Oregon 45-to-43.

The first half saw Oregon State and Oregon hold the lead twice, never more than two points. After the seven-minute mark Bernie McGrath scored two free throws to put the Beavers ahead 11-to-10 where they stayed throughout the first half. At this point the Beavers went on

a rampage and changed the score to 28-to-17 only to have Oregon retaliate and change it again, this time to 29-to-28, seconds before the half. Larry West's free throw an instant before the halfway gun made it 30-to-28 for the Orange.

As the second half began Jim Bartelt and Ken Hayes scored field goals to put Oregon ahead 32-to-30. Oregon State knotted it at 32-all on Ted Henningsen's field goal and went ahead and held the lead until Bob Hamilton, Oregon guard, tied the score at 43-all on a long field goal.

On Dick Wilkins' fifth personal foul, the Beavers scored their winning basket on a missed foul shot by Bob Labhart which was tipped in by Dick Strait.

It was a fine team victory for the Beavers as all but one participant scored points. Those doing the scoring were Labhart with 14, Henningsen 9, McGrath 8, Strait 3, and Red Rocha 2. Rocha's two points greatly handicapped him in the individual scoring as at this stage he had a total of 178 points as compared to Washington State's Vern Hansen's 189. This great victory moved the battling Orangemen into a tie for first place with their arch rivals.

Oregon State's next outing was against the University of Idaho who came into Corvallis riding deep in the Northern Division Conference cellar. Their cause wasn't helped a bit by their two defeats at the hands of the University of Oregon whom they played before invading Corvallis. The Beavers had to sweep the series in order to catch the Ducks, who went into sole possession of first place, with their two

victories over Idaho. Their record was 10 wins and 5 losses compared to Oregon State's 8 wins and 5 losses.

University of Idaho 28 -- O.S.C. 50, Corvallis, Oregon, February 23, 1945.

With the stunning victory the Beavers were only a half game away from a tie with Oregon for the league leadership. The Beavers now had 9 wins and 5 losses to Oregon's 10 wins and 5 losses.

Oregon State combined a strong defense with a strong second-half shooting exhibition to wallopp the Vandals. The first half was one of the slowest games of the season as the Beavers held the Vandals to only two field goals and five points while gathering 16 themselves. Bob Labhart with seven points and Red Rocha with eight points accounted for all of Oregon State's first half scoring except one free throw by Ted Henningsen.

Both teams regained their shooting eyes in the second half, and the scoring tempo was stepped up greatly with Oregon State racking up 34 points and Idaho 25 points. It was Red Rocha and Bob Labhart who teamed up to lead the Beavers to another important victory. Both finished in a dead heat for high point honors with 16 points apiece.

University of Idaho 33 -- O.S.C. 44, Corvallis, Oregon, February 24, 1945.

The second night's encounter was a different story from the previous night's, as the Vandals battled the Beavers. It still wasn't

good enough, though, for the Beavers scored a 44-to-33 triumph and a tie for the league leadership. The 11 point difference in the final score was not indicative of the type of game it was. There were moments in the first half when it looked as if the Vandals might win it. Idaho went into a lead from a 7-all tie at the seven minute mark and hung on until just short of the 13 minute mark in spite of everything the Beavers could do. Then the Beavers began to hit, and the crisis was over. Big Ted Henningsen caged the basket which changed the trend and changed the score from 3-to-12 for Idaho, to 14-to-13 for Oregon State. From here till the end of the half Bernie McGrath and Red Rocha took over and led the Orange to a 23-to-18 lead at half time.

In the second half it was Red Rocha again helping the Beavers keep well ahead of Idaho. Dick Strait and Larry West contributed important points to the Beaver cause during the second half play. At the finish it was Red Rocha again who led the scoring parade with a total of 15 points. Other point scorers in the Orange cause were Larry West with nine points, Ted Henningsen with seven, and Dick Strait with five points.

With this victory for the Beavers the Northern Division was tied between Oregon State and the University of Oregon. It all boiled down to one thing: the final game of the Civil War series would mean the championship for either of the two institutions. It happened only once before in the history of the Northern Division that the two Oregon schools came to the end of the season in a dead heat. It was during

the 1925 season that Oregon State and Oregon tied for the championship with Oregon State the eventual winner. Coach Slat's Gill's Beavers faced the difficult task of defeating the high scoring Oregon five for the third straight time if they were to claim at least a chance of the championship. The Webfoots had the advantage of playing on their home floor.

University of Oregon 47 -- O.S.C. 38, Eugene, Oregon, March 3, 1945.

Before a screaming capacity crowd of 7,000 fans, in McArthur Court, the Beavers went down to defeat 47-to-38 to the Oregon Ducks. The victory broke the tie and left Oregon in a tie for the championship with Washington State while Oregon State ended its conference play with a 10 win and 6 loss record. Oregon, in order to win, had to come from behind in the second half. The first half was played very cautiously, but it was hard fought as the Beavers took a 17-to-15 lead at half time. During this half Oregon State managed to get four points up on the Ducks twice, but O.S.C. never could manage to forge ahead as the Ducks fought desperately to keep within close range. Three times the score was tied, but this was mostly in the early moments. Oregon made their bid for victory 10 seconds after the start of the second half on Bob Hamilton's field goal which tied the score at 17-all. This was the fourth tie of the game. Oregon State went ahead again on Red Rocha's shot from the corner only to have the score tied for the fifth time on Reedy Berg's field goal. Two minutes later Oregon broke the 19-19 tie with a field goal by Ken Hayes,

and from this point the Webfoots never were headed.

Oregon State made one more bid for victory when the Beavers battled up to a 28-to-27 score with their points mostly coming from the free throw line on foul shots by Bob Labhart, Red Rocha and Ted Henningsen and a field goal by Johnny Moore, but Oregon moved out from here and was never threatened again by the Beavers.

Ephraim "Red" Rocha wound up as high point man of the game with 16 points on four field goals and seven free throws. Next highest on the Oregon State side was Ted Henningsen with six points.

Oregon State completed a very successful season with an overall record of 20 wins and 8 losses. Leading the Beavers in the conference scoring was Red Rocha who scored a total of 225 points in 16 games to better by one point the mark set by Gale Bishop of Washington State in 1943. However, Rocha still finished second to Vince Hansen of Washington State, who poured in 253. Other Beaver scorers were as follows: Bernie McGrath 105, Bob Labhart 94, Ted Henningsen 83, Larry West 56, Hal Puddy 53, Johnny Moore 30, George Sertic 25, Dick Strait 23, Jack Simms 15, and Ed Stagg 4.

Red Rocha was chosen all-Northern Division for his fine efforts during the season.

## CHAPTER V

## OREGON STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS 1945-49

## 1945-46 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

The first post-war basketball season got under way with a turnout of 32 prospective candidates. Beginning his 18th year as head mentor, Slat Gill had seven lettermen returning plus a large number of promising freshmen and discharged war veterans. The returning lettermen were; Bernie McGrath, Jack Simms, and Johnny Moore, guards; Ephraim "Red" Rocha, center; and Ted Henningsen, Dick Strait and George Sertic, forwards. From the high school ranks came Jerry Krafve and Bruce Cowan, members of the year's state high school champions, Washington High School of Portland; Ron Esping and Chuck Urness, Jefferson of Portland; Ken Warren and Vic Wilson, Benson Tech of Portland; Dick Coe, Milton-Freewater; Bob Hawes, Pendleton; Harold Smith, Reedsport; Keith Wade, Marshfield High of Coos Bay; Charles Sauvain, Woodburn; Damien Rocha, brother of "Red" from St. Louis High, Honolulu; Gene Guinn, Albany, and Eldon Lilly, Boardman. War veterans were Art Koski, Ole Johnson, John Kane, Bill Regutto, Con Chenault, John Rankin, and Loren Garret. Three prospects from the Navy ROTC program were also very much in the picture. They were; Lew Butler, Joe Martin, and Leslie Nelsen. A promising sophomore was Dale Churchill from Albany.

With less than a month to go before the season opened the Beaver starting quintet included four lettermen and one freshman. The veterans were; Ted Henningsen, Red Rocha, Bernie McGrath and Johnny Moore; the

fifth man was freshman Jerry Krafve. This quintet held starting positions for the remainder of the practice periods and opened the season for Oregon State in Astoria against the Seattle Coast Guard aggregation.

Seattle Coast Guard 37 -- O.S.C. 39, Astoria, Oregon, December 7, 1945.

It was a successful beginning of this 1945-46 season as the Beavers defeated the Coast Guard boys, 39-to-37, in a double overtime contest. The game started with the aggressive Coasters running up three and seven-point leads only to go into a slump upon missing six out of six free throws. The Beavers immediately went into scoring gear and the half ended with O.S.C. leading 14-to-9.

During the first part of the second half the Beavers maintained their first half pace and were leading 20-to-15. At this point, Fred Ahnert, Coast Guard center, went on a scoring spree, first tying and then bettering the Beaver aggregation. Ted Henningsen then took over for the Orangemen and for a few moments the game appeared to be a scoring contest between Henningsen and Ahnert. The regulation game ended with both teams having 32 points.

In the first overtime period the two teams exchanged field goals as Ahnert led off the Coasters with a field goal which was duplicated by Orange forward Jerry Krafve. Ted Sarpola came through to put the Coast Guard ahead, only to have Ted Henningsen even things up again. The period ended at 36-all, and called for the second overtime. Oregon State missed an opportunity to win the contest when Bernie McGrath missed a gift toss within the final minute.

With pandemonium breaking loose the Coast Guard gained a

one-point lead at the opening of the second overtime when Eldon Buisch scored a one-point free shot. Red Rocha immediately tied the score at 37-all when he made one of two free throws. With just seconds left to play in the period, Jerry Krafve, Beaver forward, clinched the victory when he tipped in a rebound. Leading the Orange in their hard fought victory were Ted Henningsen, Jerry Krafve, and Red Rocha as they scored 13, 8, and 12 points respectively.

Seattle Coast Guard 31 -- O.S.C. 49, Astoria, Oregon, December 8, 1945.

The Beavers made it two straight over the Guardsmen with a 49-to-31 victory. This win was easy as compared to the double overtime victory of the night before.

Oregon State moved into a quick 6-to-0 lead in the opening minutes and was never headed. The Beavers were ahead at half time 20-to-13. Oregon State's tight defense in the second half kept the Coast Guardsmen from penetrating too deeply and forced the Seattle players to cast off from well out where they could only gather four field goals. Again it was Ted Henningsen, Jerry Krafve, and Red Rocha leading the attack with 11, 10, and 15 points respectively.

After their successful invasion of Astoria the Beavers returned to the campus to their home season against the Northwest Insulators of Portland. With a line-up consisting mostly of former collegians, the Insulators figured to give the veteran Orange quintet a busy evening.

Northwest Insulators 38 -- O.S.C. 35, Corvallis, Oregon, December 11, 1945.

The Insulators lived up to expectations and defeated the Orange for the first time in the young season, 38-to-35. The game started slow with both teams playing ragged ball and missing numerous shots throughout the first half. Oregon State led throughout, at 3-to-1, after five minutes of play; at 8-to-7, after ten minutes were gone; and at 14-to-13 at half time. As the second half got under way the Orangemen came to life. Ted Henningsen scored two straight field goals and Johnny Moore added a free toss to put the Beavers ahead 19-to-13. Oregon State maintained this close margin, but with just eight minutes left to play, the Insulators caught fire. Big Bill Osterhout started scoring on tip-ins and Guard Frank Smith hit consistently on his long shots to move the Insulators ahead 38-to-31 with two minutes remaining. Oregon State rallied at this point with Red Rocha and Dale Churchill leading the way only to have the rally stopped by the final gun.

Ted Henningsen topped the Beaver scoring parade with a total of 10 points, followed by Red Rocha with 9 and Bernie McGrath with 7.

After three games the Beavers received a severe blow in the height department when the Pacific Coast Conference delegates, meeting in San Francisco, ruled Marshall Turner, 6'7" Beaver forward, ineligible for further competition. Turner had transferred to Oregon State after playing three years at Western State College of Colorado. Ron Esping, freshman from Jefferson High of Portland, was ineligible for the rest of the fall term since he had dropped a course, leaving him with too few credits to meet eligibility requirements.

Oregon State's next opponent was another team from A.A.U. ranks in Portland. This time it was Fee's Rollerdom, defending Pacific Northwest A.A.U. champions.

Fee's Rollerdom 50 -- O.S.C. 51, Corvallis, Oregon, December 15, 1945.

With Red Rocha hitting two last ditch field goals the Beavers upset the Fees 51-to-50, in a rough and thrilling contest. The win wrecked a 14-game streak for the defending A.A.U. champions. Starting at a fast clip, both teams found the range early and the score was tied six times in the first half. Claude "Skeets" O'Connell led the Rollerdoms' attack in the first half with 11 points and only Ted Henningsen's efforts kept Oregon State up to the pace at intermission. Fee's led 30-to-28 at the half.

A short time after the second half got under way, the score was tied at 31-all, then 33-33. The Portland five pulled out ahead at 40-to-34, before the Orange rallied and again tied the score at 40-all on Bernie McGrath's long two-hander. Again Rollerdom spurted, and held leads from two to five points until the final seconds when Red Rocha took over and hit his winning field goal with 33 seconds remaining. Leading the Orange to its fine victory were Bernie McGrath, Ted Henningsen, and Red Rocha with 12, 12, and 11 points respectively.

Fee's Rollerdom 60 -- O.S.C. 46, Corvallis, Oregon, December 18, 1945.

On December 18 Oregon State played its second game against Fee's Rollerdom and suffered a 60-to-46 setback. The game was the

Beavers' final tune-up before leaving on an eastern road trip.

The A.A.U. champs were out for revenge as they ran wild against the Beavers in the first half and established a big lead they never relinquished. With Warren Perkins, ex-Tulane University freshman star, leading the way with 19 points, Fee's led at the half 35-to-19. With six minutes played in the game the Beavers were in the contest as the score read 7-to-6 for the Rollerdomes, but Perkins began to hit and O.S.C. never again threatened.

During the second half both teams played on an even keel with neither gaining ground one way or the other. Top Oregon State scorer was Red Rocha with 14 points, followed by Jerry Krafve with 9.

With a record of three wins and two defeats against the best independent opposition in the Pacific Northwest, Oregon State looked forward to its eastern trip. Leading scorers through the five games were Red Rocha 61, Ted Henningsen 52, Jerry Krafve 34, and Bernie McGrath 30.

Travel schedules made it necessary to cancel a fourth game on the trip against the University of Akron at Akron, Ohio on December 22. The Beavers' first stop was at Chicago where they played DePaul University, rated by preseason dopesters as one of the best basketball teams in the nation, in the Chicago Stadium. Next stopover was in New York where the Beavers clashed with City College of New York at Madison Square Garden on Christmas night. From New York the Orangemen played at Lincoln, Nebraska on December 28.

DePaul University 59 -- O.S.C. 40, Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 1945.

Inability to hit the basket in the first half was the main cause for Oregon State's defeat by DePaul University 59-to-40. The game was played as the second attraction of a double-header in Chicago Stadium before a crowd of 9,629 fans. The Beavers fell behind after a minute and a half of play when DePaul broke a 2-2 tie. DePaul went on to run up a 16-to-4 lead after eight minutes of play and a 33-to-12 lead at half time. Oregon State's only real scoring spurt came in the second half when DePaul's defense faltered momentarily and the Beavers quickly ran the score to 35-to-24. DePaul called time for defensive reorganization, after which there was little doubt of the outcome.

The Beavers got some satisfaction out of the game in that they held All-American George Mikan to 22 points, his lowest point total of the season. Forward Ted Henningsen was high man for the Beavers with 13 points.

The Orangemen moved into New York City for their Christmas night encounter with City College of New York, also nicknamed the "Beavers".

City College of New York 43 -- O.S.C. 27, New York, New York, December 25, 1945.

Before an excited crowd of 18,034, City College set a new defensive mark for Madison Square Garden by holding Oregon State to 11 field goals in winning 43-to-27.

The basket-shy Beavers could connect only three times from the floor and twice in nine attempts from the foul line in the first half, to trail 12-to-8 at the half. City College made only four field goals and added the same number of free throws.

With Red Rocha leading the attack, the Bevos tied the score early in the second half; at this point C.C.N.Y. paced by Sonny Jamenson and Ralph Schmores, registered 13 straight points in five minutes to go on to an easy victory.

Red Rocha led the Beavers in scoring with nine points, closely followed by Bernie McGrath with eight.

Oregon State left New York City after this disappointing defeat, their first since playing in New York, and headed west to fulfill a date with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

University of Nebraska 48 -- O.S.C. 40, Lincoln, Nebraska, December 28, 1945.

The Beavers suffered their third defeat on this barnstorming tour as they lost to Nebraska 48-to-40. Nebraska forged into the lead after the Beavers lost Red Rocha on personal fouls early in the second half. Rocha, who had scored 19 points on nine field goals and one free throw, kept the Nebraska cagers hopping to hold the lead they gained after the first quarter. After the score was tied twice in the first half Nebraska finally went ahead and led at the half, 15-to-11.

At the start of the second half the Beavers made their bid on three field goals by Red Rocha and one by Jerry Krafve to pull to a

25-to-28 score, but then Rocha was eliminated and Nebraska was never threatened. The closest Beaver to Rocha's 19 points was Jerry Krafve who connected for seven points.

The Beavers left the following day for Corvallis to prepare for the opening of Northern Division play on January 4, 1946. Oregon State ended its preseason play with a record of three wins and five losses. In the eight games Rocha led all Beaver scorers with 94 points, Ted Henningsen came next with 71, Jerry Krafve had 49, and Bernie McGrath came in with 47 points.

Just prior to the opening of the conference series against Idaho, Oregon State's basketball stock took a big jump with the registering of six hoopsters, four of them were lettermen and the other two were outstanding freshmen. The four lettermen were Glen Warren and Erland Anderson, members of the 1943 team, and Dick Strait and Larry West members of the 1945 quintet. The two promising freshmen were Cliff Crandall, all-state in 1943 from Astoria, and Ron Esping who started the season with the Beavers but carried too few credits to be eligible.

After a practice just prior to the opening of the Idaho game Slat Gill's team was as follows; Erland Anderson and Glen Warren, forwards; Red Rocha, center; Ron Esping and Cliff Crandall, guards.

#### Conference Games.

Idaho came into Corvallis with one of its better basketball teams strengthened by the return of Fred "Wimpy" Quinn, one of the top

scorers in the division in 1943. Also helping the Idaho cause was its freshman center, Jack Phoenix, who stood 6'9".

University of Idaho 40 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, January 4, 1946.

Oregon State opened its conference season with a rugged 49-to-40 victory over Idaho. The Orange quintet took an early lead over the Vandals and were ahead all the way by varying degrees. Half-time score favored the Bevos, 26-to-16. Oregon State grabbed a 3-to-2 lead on a free throw by Glen Warren after two minutes of play and had the lead throughout.

With Erland Anderson, Ron Esping, and Glen Warren leading the way, the Beavers pulled ahead steadily in the second half and after nine minutes held a 16-point lead, 41-to-25. They coasted in, with the Orange second team playing the last eight minutes.

The game was marred by 52 fouls being called by officials Paul Warren and Ed Strickler, 29 against Oregon State and 23 against Idaho. The Beavers made 11 straight free throw attempts before Cliff Crandall finally missed early in the second half. Glen Warren sank eight out of nine attempts to lead all foul shooters. Veteran Erland Anderson led the Beaver scoring parade with 13 points and was followed by another veteran, Glen Warren with eight points.

University of Idaho 45 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon, January 5, 1946.

The Beavers made it two straight over Idaho by winning 49-to-45. Both teams played good basketball in contrast to the rough game of the night before. The first half was close all the way with the lead

changing hands six times and score tied four times. With 35 seconds remaining in the first half, the Orange held a 22-to-20 margin and then Cliff Crandall scored a lay-in and Red Rocha got himself a tip-in to hike the count to 26-to-20.

The second half saw the Beavers maintaining their hot streak as Glen Warren, Cliff Crandall, and Red Rocha scored field goals to boost the margin to 32-to-20. Oregon State maintained a comfortable lead until with eight minutes remaining to play the Vandals hit a hot streak. The Idahoans crept up within four points at 46-to-42, but with Glen Warren leading the way the Beavers withstood the Idaho rally and got their victory. Four men dominated Oregon State's scoring. Cliff Crandall led the quartet with 13 points, followed by Red Rocha with 11 and Glen Warren and Erland Anderson both with nine points.

Sharing the league leadership with the University of Washington at two wins and no losses, the Beavers looked forward to the opening of their civil war series with the University of Oregon at Eugene. The Beavers were fighting to hold their conference leadership and win their third straight game while the University of Oregon was hoping to get back into the thick of the race after splitting with Idaho. Oregon State was given the favorite role because of its twin victory over Idaho.

University of Oregon 46 -- O.S.C. 50, Eugene, Oregon, January 12, 1946.

Oregon State won its third straight and maintained its leadership position as they defeated the University of Oregon 50-to-46,

before more than 7,000 fans in McArthur Court.

A blistering first half by the Beavers was the major reason the Orange chalked up their victory. Tied 2-2 and 3-3 in the first two minutes, the Beavers launched their victory drive and had a 16-to-8 margin at the end of nine minutes. They pushed their lead up to 17 points at 31-to-14 with two minutes of the first half remaining, and then took a 33-to-17 margin at half time.

The second half saw the Beavers extend their lead on a free throw by Glen Warren and a field goal by Cliff Crandall just after play got under way. But from that point on the Ducks struck back and made it a better ballgame.

Oregon State scoring was spread out evenly between six men. Bernie McGrath and Cliff Crandall registered nine points apiece followed by Ted Henningsen and Red Rocha with eight apiece. Erland Anderson came next with seven and Glen Warren had five.

The second and third games of the Oregon series were next on the Beaver basketball slate. Faced with the necessity of winning both games to maintain their league leadership over once-beaten Washington, the Beavers did everything possible to prepare themselves for the coming series. The first of the two games was scheduled for Corvallis and the second the following night in Eugene.

University of Oregon 53 -- O.S.C. 48, Corvallis, Oregon, January 18, 1946.

In an overtime contest the University of Oregon handed the

Oregon State Beavers a 53-to-48 setback. The game was a rough, loose contest played before a bigger than allowable crowd which jampacked the O.S.C. gym. The Orange still clung to its league lead by a slim margin thanks to Idaho's win over Washington.

It was a typical Oregon State - Oregon game which bristled with zest that almost attained the hostility stage. Oregon State committed 25 fouls and Oregon 22. Never did more than five points separate the two teams until late in the first half when O.S.C. led 19-to-14 and not again until the final score. The first half saw the score tied five times with Oregon ahead eight times and the Beavers five. The half ended with Oregon ahead 25-to-24.

In the second half the Beavers went ahead on field goals by Erland Anderson, Glen Warren and Bernie McGrath. The Beavers stayed ahead until seven minutes remained, when little Stan Williamson pushed Oregon in front 40-to-39. From then on, the score was tied three times with Oregon leading twice. At the one minute and 10 second mark with Oregon leading 45-to-43, Ted Henningsen dropped in a free throw for O.S.C. Then Bernie McGrath tied it up in a foul shot with but 25 seconds remaining.

In the extra period each team connected for one field goal, but the Ducks canned six free throws to only one for the Orange. Bernie McGrath led the Beavers through the second half as he couldn't miss during that period. The Beavers lost McGrath just as the overtime started when he was injured when fouled by Stan Williamson. He had to be carried from the floor with a leg injury. His loss handicapped the

Beavers greatly as he was Oregon State's most potent scorer with 16 points, the highest for the evening.

University of Oregon 33 -- O.S.C. 34, Eugene, Oregon, January 19, 1946.

The next night the two teams moved to Eugene to continue their rivalry and the outcome was a victory for O.S.C. which enabled them to hold on to the top spot in the Northern Division race.

A capacity crowd was on hand to watch the Beavers gain a clean-cut victory, their second in three games against the Ducks. In the first half Oregon broke the ice with a free throw and held its only lead of the entire ball game. Glen Warren scored a field goal which put Oregon State ahead to stay. The Beavers had a 14-point lead, 21-to-7, at the end of 12 minutes of play and were on the long end of a 28-to-22 count at intermission.

Oregon made a determined bid in the second half to overtake the Beavers but fell short by one point at 34-to-33. This all happened after the five minute and ten second mark. At this point the Beavers regrouped and in four minutes and 40 seconds the Orange scored nine points and the pressure was relieved. The Staters maintained their regained stride to the end and lengthened it some to their final 14-point margin. Red Rocha spearheaded the Beavers in the second half as he made 16 out of his 21-point total. Other potent scorers on the Beavers' side were Cliff Crandall with 12 points, Glen Warren with 10, and Erland Anderson with 8 points.

Resting in first place with a record of four wins and one loss

the Beavers headed for the annual Inland Empire trip for games against Idaho and Washington State College. In order to stay ahead of Washington the Beavers had to win three of their four games. Leaving Corvallis in private cars the following men made up the traveling party; Glen Warren, Erland Anderson, Ted Henningsen, and Jerry Krafve, forwards; Red Rocha and Dick Strait, centers; Bernie McGrath, Cliff Crandall, Ernie Neal, Ron Esping, and Johnny Moore, guards; and Al Peters, manager.

University of Idaho 42 -- O.S.C. 37, Moscow, Idaho, January 25, 1946.

First stop was at Moscow, Idaho where the Beavers met a rejuvenated Idaho quintet and suffered their second loss in conference play, 42-to-37. Three quick field goals by Len Pyne, Fred Quinn, and Jack Phoenix put Idaho into a 6-to-0 lead in the first four minutes. Glen Warren and Ron Esping brought Oregon State within one point of the Vandals with seven minutes played, then scored again to put the Beavers ahead 9-to-8, halfway through the period. The game was then a see-saw struggle until three minutes before the half ended, when Idaho rallied to push ahead, 19-to-15, at the half.

When the second half started the Vandals immediately improved their lead on three quick field goals to give them a 25-to-15 lead. After six minutes of play had elapsed the Beavers started a scoring splurge which accounted for six points in three minutes and cut the Vandals down to four points, 37-to-33. Again the Vandals' defense stiffened and they came up with two field goals to once again improve their advantage and clinch the victory.

University of Idaho 43 -- O.S.C. 38, Moscow, Idaho, January 26, 1946.

Idaho made it two straight over the Beavers when a last-half rally netted a 43-to-38 victory. After the first minute of play the Vandals took a three-point lead and a seven-to-three lead after three minutes. Both teams battled on even terms through the rest of the half as the lead changed hands five times before Red Rocha scored 13 of his 14 points to give Oregon State a 27-to-23 lead at half time.

The second half was a replica of the first half as both teams fought to gain an advantage. Idaho went right to work and grabbed a 28-to-27 advantage in the first three minutes. The Beavers immediately bounced back with Glen Warren, Bernie McGrath, and Ron Esping leading the attack. Oregon State stayed in the thick of things until Red Rocha fouled out with eight minutes to play. The Beavers gained the lead once more, after Rocha left the game, 37-to-36, on Ted Henningsen's field goal, but in a wild three minute final the Idaho Vandals clinched their second victory over the Beavers.

Again it was Red Rocha who gained high point honors with a total of 14 points.

After their two disappointing losses to Idaho the Beavers moved over into the State of Washington to take on Washington State for the first time in the 1946 season. The Cougars were resting in the league cellar with a one-win, four-loss record. Cougar fans were looking for a reversal of form as Gale Bishop, the Cougar All-American forward in 1943 would be in the lineup against the Beavers. It was his first conference game since being discharged from the armed forces.

Washington State College 48 -- O.S.C. 50, Pullman, Washington,  
January 28, 1946.

The Beavers did not let the presence of Gale Bishop bother them as they defeated Washington State 50-to-48 and held the great Bishop to eight points.

Washington State, despite Bishop being bottled up, went right to work on the Beavers and ran up a 22-to-9 lead with only five minutes remaining in the half. At this point Glen Warren and Red Rocha caught fire and within the next minute they closed the gap to 22-to-16. At the two and one half minute mark the score read 24-to-18 with Washington State ahead, but Red Rocha accounted for three points only to have W.S.C. retaliate with three of its own to make the half-time score 27-to-22 in favor of the Cougars.

The play during the second half was thrilling throughout as the Beavers came out strong and with five minutes of the half gone tied the score at 30-all. The Cougars fought back for the lead but it was tied again with 10 minutes remaining at 40-all. Oregon State then went ahead 43-to-40 and never relinquished the lead by slowing the game down and forcing the Washington State ballplayers to commit themselves in coming after the ball.

With the Beavers leading 50-to-48, and with five seconds to play, Bob Bayless, a second string Washington State forward intercepted a Beaver pass, dribbled the length of the floor and then missed an easy set-up as the gun ended the game.

Leading Oregon State's scoring parade were Glen Warren and

Red Rocha with 13 points each.

Washington State College 49 -- O.S.C. 34, Pullman Washington,  
January 29, 1946.

The victory moved the Beavers into a tie with Washington for the league leadership only to have it taken away when Washington State defeated O.S.C. 49-to-34 in the team's second meeting. With their star, Gale Bishop, leading the way the Cougars dominated the play except for two first-half flurries when the Beavers led at 6-to-5 and again at 14-to-13. By half time the Cougars were in front 26-to-22 and then moved steadily ahead.

In the second half Washington State quickly pulled away to a 32-to-23 advantage after two minutes and were never again threatened. Washington State's defense tightened during the second half as it held the Beavers to only two field goals, both by Red Rocha.

The Beavers headed home after the disastrous trip tied for second place with Idaho, a half game behind front-running Washington.

Tragedy hit the Beavers on their return trip from Pullman when the car driven by Vern Eilers, athletic trainer, crashed head-on into a car driven by F. W. Vorwich, a salesman from Glendale, California. The accident occurred on the Pacific Highway just south of Newberg, Oregon. The most seriously injured was Glen Warren, first-string forward, who required eight stitches for a scalp wound and five for a knee cut. Vern Eilers and Johnny Moore also required medical attention as they suffered lacerations and bruises.

Three other players, all riding in the back seat of the athletic-department-owned car emerged unhurt. They were Red Rocha, Ted Henningsen and Erland Anderson.

Due to his injury, Glen Warren missed the Washington series. Ted Henningsen and Jerry Krafve took over for Warren with Henningsen getting the starting role against the Huskies.

University of Washington 37 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 4, 1946.

The Beavers moved into a first place tie with Idaho as a result of their 53-to-37 victory over Washington. Oregon State outplayed Washington most of the way except in the early moments of the opening half when the Huskies grabbed an early lead. Three times in the early stages of the game the score was tied and three times Washington went ahead. A fourth tie came at 12-12 with seven minutes remaining in the half. It was at this point that Beavers' Erland Anderson, Bernie McGrath, and Cliff Crandall led a rally that resulted in Oregon State getting 14 points to Washington's one. The rally gave the Orange a 26-to-13 lead at half time.

Another Beaver rally for two minutes, shortly after the second half opened gave them nine more points for a 35-to-15 bulge, and from then on the Orangemen kept far enough in front to coast home. The combination of Bernie McGrath, Cliff Crandall and Red Rocha not only played great offensive ball but turned in great jobs defensively. McGrath and Crandall led all scorers with 14 points, with Rocha right behind with 12 - ten of which came in the second half.

University of Washington 48 -- O.S.C. 58, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 5, 1946.

In a nip-and-tuck basketball game Oregon State defeated Washington 58-to-48 before 2,000 fans to gain undisputed possession of first place in the Northern Division.

The Beavers started the scoring with two quick field goals, but Washington came right back to tie it at 4-all. Oregon State broke the tie immediately with Red Rocha leading the way, running up leads of 13-to-4, then 19-to-5, and then 21-to-6 before Washington started to rally. The Huskies made it 11-to-21 and then at 13-to-26, opened up again and closed the Beaver lead to 31-to-24 as the half ended. Red Rocha scored 15 of the Beavers' 31 points.

In the second half Washington bottled up Red Rocha and fought doggedly to close the gap, and with five minutes to play the Huskies had moved to within two points of the Beavers at 48-to-46. At this time the two teams started roughing it up a bit and the Beavers, by connecting with their free throws, drew away at 54-to-48 with two minutes to play. They played keep-away, meanwhile scoring twice from the free-throw line. Ron Esping hit one from the center line as the final buzzer sounded.

Leading the Orange in victory were Red Rocha who scored a total of 18 points, Ernie Neal, freshman from Chicago, who scored 10 points, and "Rugged" Erland Anderson who came through with 12 points. It was Anderson and Neal who kept the Beavers in the ball game during the second half while Red Rocha handled things in the first half.

With an eight-win four-loss record in conference play the Beavers' next outing was a home series against Washington State College. In their previous meetings, the Orangemen dropped two to Washington State at Pullman.

Washington State College 43 -- O.S.C. 63, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 15, 1946.

In their third meeting of the season Oregon State registered an easy 63-to-43 win over the Cougars. From the opening whistle to the final gun it was all Oregon State. The Beavers opened up with a rush as they went ahead 7-to-0 before W.S.C. could score, and then at six minutes had a 12-to-2 edge and shortly afterward had a 19-to-6 margin. Oregon State kept up the pace and ran up a lead of 27-to-10. The half ended with a 36-to-18 margin.

Oregon State's defense continued its viselike qualities in the second half while the Beavers hit a good percentage of their shots. Altogether, O.S.C. cast off 67 times and bucketed 27 field goals, while the Cougars were shooting 58 times and connecting for only 15 field goals.

Four men dominated the Oregon State scoring with Rocha leading the parade with 16 points. The other three top scorers were Erland Anderson with 14 points while doing a great defensive job on Gale Bishop, Bernie McGrath and Cliff Crandall with 13 and 10 points each.

Washington State College 33 -- O.S.C. 54, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 16, 1946.

Oregon State made it three out of four over Washington State with a 54-to-33 victory. The win kept the Beavers in a first place tie with the University of Idaho. It was a slow contest throughout with the Orangemen moving into an early lead and staying in front all the way. The Beavers smothered the Cougars with their man-to-man defense. The tightness of the defense was revealed in the scoring of the Cougars who made only four field goals in the first half and five in the second. Oregon State was successful in putting the damper on W.S.C.'s All-American, Gale Bishop, holding him to nine points.

Only once during the first half did the Cougars threaten, and it came after 14 minutes when they closed in on the Beavers to make the score 17-to-14. During the last three minutes the Beavers rolled in 11 points to wind up the first half with a 12-point lead, 28-to-16.

Throughout the second period the Beavers dominated and Coach Gill gave every player on his squad an opportunity to see action.

It was Red Rocha, Cliff Crandall, and Erland Anderson who led the Orangemen to their second straight victory over W.S.C. Rocha scored 18, Anderson 14, and Crandall 11 points.

Red Rocha's 34 points in the W.S.C. series allowed him to hold his lead in the Northern Division individual scoring race, his total of 159 points in 13 games put him ten ahead of Washington's Norm Dalthorp.

Deadlocked in first place with the University of Idaho the Beavers looked forward to their next series with the University of Washington, as two victories over the Huskies would give the Orange undisputed possession of first place.

Beaver hopes were brightened when Glen Warren was pronounced ready for full-time action after seeing slight action against Washington State.

While putting his charges through a workout on the Huskies' court Coach Slat Gill made the following statement, "This is our chance to win our sixth Northern Division crown and we do not intend to miff the opportunity. The fact that we beat the Huskies twice at Corvallis is water under the bridge. We are not counting on an upset here" (28, p.137).

Taking the workout in Hec Edmundson pavilion were Ted Henningsen, Glen Warren, Erland Anderson, Jerry Krafve, Ernie Neal, Dick Strait, Red Rocha, Bernie McGrath, Cliff Crandall, Bon Esping, and Larry West.

University of Washington 47 -- O.S.C. 41, Seattle, Washington,  
February 22, 1946.

The Beavers' hopes for their sixth Northern Division crown was dealt a severe setback when the University of Washington broke its seven-game losing streak by defeating the Orange 47-to-41.

Washington got off to a good start with a basket in the opening seconds of play to move in front to stay. The Huskies then ran their lead to 7-to-1 and maintained a safe margin until late in the half when Cliff Crandall, Red Rocha, and Glen Warren combined to close in to a three-point deficit at 18-to-15. But Washington rallied and ran their advantage to 25-to-17 as the half ended.

The second half saw Washington maintaining its pace and

immediately went into a 10-point lead on Norm Dalthorp's lay-in basket within 20 seconds of play. The score alternated around that margin except for occasionally when it dropped as low as seven points and twice to six, but from there ranged as high as 12. Oregon State's inability to hit close-in shots early in the game set a pattern for the whole ball game as the Beavers shooting percentage was off form. The defeat moved the Beavers back to second place and left Idaho in undisputed possession of first place.

Erland Anderson led the Oregon State scorers with 13 points followed by Red Rocha with 11 and Glen Warren with 8 points.

University of Washington 36 -- O.S.C. 55, Seattle, Washington,  
February 23, 1946.

With a 55-to-36 victory over the Huskies the Beavers were back on the victory trail and also gained a split in their Seattle appearance. The split gave Oregon State the four-game series three games to one. The game was a strict reversal of form from the first contest. For this game the Beavers were as adept as they were inept the night before.

Oregon State opened the scoring when Erland Anderson hit a field goal and a foul shot. Washington countered on field goals by Norm Dalthorp and Jack Pomfret to go ahead 4-to-3, the Huskies' only lead of the game. Oregon State quickly regained the lead on Cliff Crandall's field goal, only to have Dalthrop tie it with a free throw. Red Rocha bounced the Beavers back into the lead at 7-to-5 and they stayed there. They led at half time 29-to-23.

The Beavers opened the second half with a spurt as they moved to a 49-to-21 lead after eight minutes of play and from there on had clean sailing, at one point leading by 20 points, 53-to-33.

Red Rocha and Cliff Crandall tied for high point honors with 14 points each, but Erland Anderson and Glen Warren were close behind with 12 and 8 points respectively.

The Beavers' championship hopes rested on the outcome of the final conference game with the University of Oregon to be played at Corvallis. While Oregon State was battling with Oregon, Idaho was winding up its schedule against Washington State at Moscow. If the Beavers and Vandals both win, a playoff for the division pennant would be necessary. In addition to assuring themselves no worse than a tie for first by winning, the Beavers would clinch the Oregon series by a decisive 3-to-1 margin.

Of almost equal interest to the outcome of the game was Red Rocha's bid for division scoring honors. Rocha went into the game with a total of 184 points, one less than Gale Bishop of Washington State. Red's chances of winning the scoring title looked very good as Gale Bishop left the Cougars for a professional baseball job.

No changes were planned in the regular Orange starting lineup of Erland Anderson and Captain Glen Warren, forwards; Red Rocha, center; Bernie McGrath and Cliff Crandall, guards.

University of Oregon 42 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, March 2, 1946.

The University of Idaho won the Northern Division championship

for the first time in 23 years when the University of Oregon defeated Oregon State in an overtime contest, 42-to-41. At the same time Idaho was beating Washington State 37-to-35.

The Beavers opened the all-important contest with a bang as they scored three field goals before Oregon could get a point. But when they had gotten that far the Beavers seemed to get the jitters and went for nine minutes and 20 seconds without scoring a field goal. In the meantime Oregon was not having much success, taking until the nine minutes and 20 second mark to get its first field goal.

Athletes of both teams were so tense that through the first half they repeatedly missed set-ups, threw the ball away and were called for "walking". The Orangemen managed to gain a five-point lead at the half with the score reading 18-to-13.

The second half saw Oregon launch a scoring drive that resulted in a tie score at 18-all in three and a half minutes. Oregon State went quickly back into the lead on Red Rocha's swing shot only to have the Ducks retaliate on baskets by Stan Williamson and Ken Hays to give them the lead again at 22-to-20. They stayed in the lead and half way through the second half had a bulge of five points, 31-to-26. From this point on it was touch and go and the score was tied at 34-34 for the fifth tie of the game. Ken Hays sank a free throw, but a field goal by Ron Esping put the Orange ahead again at 36-to-35. At two minutes to play the Webfoots were leading 38-to-36 on a field goal by Ken Hays and a free throw by Dick Wilkins. With just seconds remaining the Beavers broke on a fast break and with Erland Anderson taking a pass

from Red Rocha he scored on a lay-in as the final gun sounded.

In the overtime the play was hotly contested throughout with Oregon leading all the way as Ken Hays started the scoring on a field goal. Oregon's two point lead was immediately cut to one point as Cliff Crandall made one of two free throws to make the score 40-to-39. With about 30 seconds remaining and Oregon still holding its one-point lead at 40-to-39, the Beavers' Glen Warren missed a field goal which rimmed the basket, dropped part way down and then suddenly took the "English" from its spin to wheel out and away. Following this play, Stan Williamson broke away on a fast break and darted under the basket for a lay-in which put the Webfoots three points up, but the Staters drew within one point again with ten seconds left when Ron Esping connected from the corner. In the remaining 10 seconds Oregon stalled out and the Beavers' championship hopes were gone.

The disappointed Beavers gained some consolation when Red Rocha won the individual scoring championship with a total of 194 points. Other top scorers for the Orange were; Erland Anderson with 146, Cliff Crandall and Bernie McGrath 120, Glen Warren 91, Ted Henningsen 46, Ron Esping 27, and Ernie Neal 23.

Oregon State had a successful season despite the disappointing finish. Its ten victories against six defeats was good enough to give O.S.C. undisputed possession of second place, a game behind the University of Idaho. The Beavers overall season record was 13 victories against 11 losses.

Coach "Slats" Gill recommended to the athletic board that nine

players received their awards. They were; Glen Warren, Bernie McGrath, Red Rocha, Erland Anderson, Ted Henningsen, Jerry Krafve, Ron Esping, Cliff Crandall, and Ernie Neal.

Red Rocha and Erland Anderson were the only Beavers to receive all-star recognition as they both made most of the all-star selections.

## 1946-47 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Starting his 19th year as hoop mentor at Oregon State College, Coach "Slats" Gill was greeted by a record turnout of nearly 100 candidates. Coach Gill divided his personnel into squads and scrimmaged them in the three cross-court basketball floors available at the Men's Gym. This program was carried on for two weeks before any squad cuts were made. Then the candidates were segregated into the varsity squad, junior varsity squad, and freshman squad. Aiding "Slats" Gill in this extended program were Bob Bergstrom and Paul Valenti, ex-Beaver basketeters.

After six weeks of daily workouts Slats had cut his varsity squad to 15 men which included Erland Anderson, Cliff Crandall, Red Rocha, Lew Beck, and Morrie Silver as the starting quintet. Newcomers to this aggregation were Lew Beck and Morrie Silver. Beck was the two-year letterman who starred for Gill's 1942-43 team. Silver was a transfer from the University of San Francisco with one year of eligibility remaining. In addition to this combination, the Beavers had capable reserves in Ernie Neal, veteran from the 1945-46 team, and Doug Martin, 6'7" veteran from the 1941 and 1942 teams; Norm Carey and Alex Peterson, varsity reserves in 1943; Ward Paldanius, Jim Catterall and Frank Roelandt, sophomores, Dick Ballantyne, Ken Storey and Dan Torrey, freshmen.

Preferred Stock 31 -- O.S.C. 75, Corvallis, Oregon, December 3, 1946.

The Beavers opened their 1947 season in an impressive fashion by overwhelming the Preferred Stock team of Portland, 75-to-31.

Oregon State's fast and rangy Beavers were never pressed as they moved at will and were leading 42-to-11 at the half. The game, throughout, was all Oregon State which enabled Slat's to clean his bench and give 13 men a taste of outside competition.

Leading the Orange attack were veterans Lew Beck and Red Rocha who scored 16 and 13 points respectively. Starting for the Beavers were Erland Anderson and Cliff Crandall, forwards; Red Rocha, center; and Lew Beck and Morrie Silver, guards.

Bruno Studio 30 -- O.S.C. 65, Vancouver, Washington, December 6, 1946.

Oregon State hung up its second straight one-sided victory with a hard driving and aggressive win over the Bruno Studio's team of Portland. The score was 65-to-30. The game was played in Vancouver, Washington and it gave the Vancouver fans an opportunity to witness a potentially strong Beaver quintet. O.S.C. dominated the play throughout except when the Studio five had a 5-to-2 lead in the first two minutes of play. After getting organized against Bruno's zone defense the Beavers ran away to a 37-to-16 half-time lead.

During the second half O.S.C. threw up an impressive defense which held Bruno Studio scoreless for seven minutes and without a field goal until only three and a half minutes remained to be played. Coach Gill inserted all his substitutes in the second half without any appreciable letup in the scoring spree.

All 12 players who participated for the Orange contributed to the scoring with Lew Beck and Cliff Crandall topping the list with 13 and 12 points.

Bruno Studio 31 -- O.S.C. 84, Vancouver, Washington, December 7, 1946.

Another lopsided victory for the Beavers came in the second game with the Bruno Studio five. The Beavers looked like definite Northern Division championship material as they shellacked the independent quintet, 84-to-31.

Oregon State started after the Studio five in quick fashion, running up a 10-to-2 lead after one minute of play on two field goals by Cliff Crandall and one each by Red Rocha, Lew Beck, and Morrie Silver. The Studio five was never in the ball game. For one six-minute stretch in the first half, the Brunos were held scoreless under the Beavers' man-to-man defense. Half-time score was 37-to-10.

With Cliff Crandall scoring 14 points in the first eight minutes of the second half the Orange ran up a 66-to-21 advantage when Slat Gill ran in his reserves.

Leading the potent Oregon State attack was Cliff Crandall, sophomore forward, with a total of 21 points. Closest in line came Lew Beck with 11, Red Rocha 9, and Alex Peterson 8. All 12 Beavers who participated contributed to the scoring column for the second straight game

Willamette University 29 -- O.S.C. 66, Corvallis, Oregon, December 10, 1946.

The Beavers ran their string to four straight victories as they outclassed a hard fighting Willamette University five, 66-to-29.

Willamette scored the opening basket of the game and that was the only time the Bearcats were in the lead. The Beaver victory was another comparatively easy one as they romped to a 35-to-11 lead at half time with veteran Lew Beck leading the attack.

In the second half Slat Gill got his reserves into the game early. Leading the reserves during the second half were Doug Martin, Norm Carey, and Alex Peterson as they scored 10, 11, and 8 points apiece. Other reserves who saw action were; Ernie Neal, Dan Torrey, Frank Roelandt, and Dick Ballantyne. Lew Beck topped all scorers with 13 points.

Portland Basketball Association All-Stars 17 -- O.S.C. 46, Portland, Oregon, December 13, 1946.

The Beavers invaded Portland for their next victory as they outclassed "Buck" Grayson's makeshift aggregation of Portland Basketball Association All-Stars, 46-to-17. The tough and classy Beavers threw up a defense that held the all-stars to just four field goals, three in the first half and one in the second. The all-stars tried a zone defense against the Orange which worked fairly well as the Beavers were off their shooting, but still managed a comfortable half-time lead of 20-to-11.

In the second half, Red Rocha led a quick Beaver rally at the outset by bucketing three quick field goals and a free toss. Beaver reserves Dan Torrey, Alex Peterson, Doug Martin, Norm Carey, and Frank

Roelandt played most of the final 10 minutes, with Roelandt's accurate shooting keeping the all-stars on the run. He scored four field goals and a gift toss in seven minutes.

Leading Oregon State's scoring parade were Cliff Crandall and Red Rocha with 12 and 10 points.

Willamette University 35 -- O.S.C. 71, Salem, Oregon, December 14, 1946.

Oregon State made it two straight over Willamette University with its sixth victory, 71-to-35. The Beavers' great height advantage and speed were again too much for the lesser talented Bearcats. Willamette did a good job, though, in keeping Red Rocha under control only to have his substitutes, Doug Martin, take over and lead the Orange with 13 points.

After working to a 28-to-11 lead at half time, the Beavers really went to work in the second half scoring 43 points. Leading the attack were Doug Martin, Erland Anderson and Lew Beck. Besides showing a potent scoring offense the Orange, again, sparked on the defense as they held Willamette to 11 field goals.

Martin's 13 points were tops for the game with Anderson and Beck in close pursuit as they registered 12 and 11 points. Other big Beaver point makers were Red Rocha and Alex Peterson with 8 points apiece.

Bruno Studio 31 -- O.S.C. 68, Corvallis, Oregon, December 18, 1946.

For their seventh straight victory the Beavers romped to a

68-to-31 victory over the independent Bruno Studio cagers.

Coach Gill experimented with a new lineup as he switched Red Rocha to a forward spot and inserted 6'7" Doug Martin at center. The switch gave the Orangemen a decided height advantage but less maneuverability with Cliff Grandall out of the lineup.

The Beavers went into an early lead which they maintained all the way through along with a 37-to-15 advantage at half time. Leading the attack was Red Rocha who scored 13 points, followed by Lew Beck with 10 points. Other potent scorers were Doug Martin and Cliff Grandall with 9 points each and Morrie Silver with 8 points.

Portland Basketball Association All-Stars 30 -- O.S.C. 80, Corvallis, Oregon, December 20, 1946.

Oregon State made it two straight over Buck Grayson's Portland All-Stars as they rolled to an 80-to-30 victory. The victory also ran the Beavers winning streak to eight straight games.

The game was a repetition of the previous two as the Orange took command right from the start although it was one of their slower starts. Leading only 12-to-6 almost half way through the first half, they picked up the pace with a flurry of quick baskets by Erland Anderson to gain a commanding 32-to-9 half-time lead.

The all-stars opened the scoring in the second half, but were soon overpowered by the Beavers. With six minutes gone in the last period, the Gillmen led, 51-to-11. Leading the Orange attack were Doug Martin and Erland Anderson who registered 19 and 17 points apiece.

Helping the cause a great deal was substitute Alex Peterson who registered 14 points. Cliff Crandall did not see action because of an injured leg.

Fee's Rollerdom 37 -- O.S.C. 89, Corvallis, Oregon, December 21, 1946.

The Beavers rang up their ninth straight victory by swamping the Fee's Rollerdom team of Portland 89-to-37. The Rollerdom quintet had been expected to furnish the Beavers with their stiffest competition but, as usual, the Orange made it a rout.

The total of 89 points scored by the Beavers was the largest score ever recorded on the Oregon State Men's Gymnasium floor. Paced by Ephriam "Red" Rocha, the Beavers had a 6-to-2 lead at the end of the first five minutes and stepped this up to 14-to-3 at the eight minute mark, with Rocha scoring 10 of the Beaver markers.

From that point on, the Beavers made the contest a runaway and when Rocha left the game with six minutes still remaining, he had tallied 27 points - as many as the entire Fee's team had during the same duration.

The contest was marked by roughness, three Rollerdom players being forced out by injuries. Fee's finished the game with one player who previously had been removed from the game with five personal fouls. Besides Red Rocha's 27 points, other high Oregon State scorers were Doug Martin with 13 points and Alex Peterson with 12. It marked the second game in a row that Alex Peterson, 6'5" forward, came off the bench to score more than 10 points. Cliff Crandall celebrated his return to action by scoring 9 points.

University of Portland 38 -- O.S.C. 58, Portland, Oregon,  
December 23, 1946.

After overcoming an early Portland University threat, which left the score tied at 10-all at the end of 12 minutes of play, the Beavers racked up their tenth straight preseason victory. The game was played before a jammed house of 2,000 fans in the Portland gymnasium.

With the score tied at 10-all the Portland Pilots faded to a half-time 29-to-14 deficit. The Beavers had things all their own way throughout the remainder of the game with big Doug Martin and Erland Anderson supplying the scoring punch, with 13 and 11 points respectively. The Beavers had a phenomenal free throw percentage as they hit 10 out of 10.

Immediately after the game the Beavers headed for the Portland airport where they boarded an eastbound United Airlines plane for New York City and a December 26 date with Long Island University, then Canisius College on December 28 at Buffalo, New York.

Those making the trip east along with "Slats" Gill were 10 men; Erland Anderson, Cliff Crandall, Norm Carey, Alex Peterson, Red Rocha, Doug Martin, Lew Beck, Morrie Silver, Dan Torrey, and Frank Roelandt.

Arriving in New York on Christmas Day the Beavers planned a workout before clashing with Long Island University in Madison Square Garden. After having run rough shod over local opposition, the Orangemen seemed primed to receive their first real test of the season

against L.I.U.

Long Island University 56 -- O.S.C. 50, New York, New York,  
December 26, 1946.

The Beavers suffered their first defeat of the 1946-47 season when Long Island University defeated them 56-to-50 before a crowd of 18,000 in Madison Square Garden.

Oregon State, off to a poor start despite two quick tip-in baskets by Red Rocha which gave the Beavers a 4-to-0 lead. The Orange were then held scoreless for the next eight minutes and 45 seconds as the Blackbirds spurted into a 13-to-4 lead.

With two minutes remaining in the first half the Beavers had worked the score to 23-to-15 on a one-hander and a free throw by Doug Martin and another free throw by Morrie Silver. In the final two minutes the Blackbirds went wild and walked off with a 14-point bulge at half time.

It looked like a runaway as the second half started when Lou Lipman, Jackie Goldsmith, and Dick Holub scored for Long Island and led them to a 43-to-28 lead midway in the second half. With Lew Beck, Erland Anderson and Red Rocha leading the attack the Beavers tallied nine straight points to whittle the Blackbird's lead to 43-to-37. After Dick Holub and Hank Baiette had regained a 12-point bulge, 53-to-41, for the Blackbirds, the Beavers again cut the margin to six points, 53-to-47, two minutes from the end, but couldn't close the gap.

From the field the Beavers scored 21 field goals to Long Island's 20, but the Blackbirds gained an advantage from the

free throw line as they connected for 16 points compared with eight for the Beavers.

Leading the Beavers in the point making department were Red Rocha and Lew Beck with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Canisius College 40 -- O.S.C. 48, Buffalo, New York, December 28, 1946.

After their disappointing defeat the Orangemen moved on to Buffalo, New York, and won a thrilling overtime contest, downing Canisius College 48-to-40 before 4,656 fans in the Memorial Auditorium.

The first half found the Beavers in control throughout as they played deliberate basketball, refusing to relinquish the ball without a shot. Morrie Silver, diminutive Beaver guard, led the Orange with his play making and ball hawking.

The second half was a different story as Canisius put on a determined drive to stay within range of the Beavers all the way. They were sparked by Bill Malin, Leroy Chollet, and Captain Tommy Neland. Canisius pulled up even at 25-all, 31-all, and 37-all at the close of the regular playing time. Captain Tommy Neland scored the basket that tied the game score with just 17 seconds remaining.

In the overtime the Beavers got the important first basket on Erland Anderson's field goal. Melvin put Canisius up even again but Dan Torrey and Cliff Crandall scored field goals along with Red Rocha's first field goal of the evening. Erland Anderson and Dan Torrey closed out the scoring with a free throw and a fast break two-pointer.

Scoring in the Beavers winning effort was well spread out among

Dan Torrey with 9 points, Alex Peterson and Morrie Silver with 8 points apiece, and Erland Anderson and Cliff Crandall 7 points apiece.

Portland University 30 -- O.S.C. 70, Corvallis, Oregon, January 2, 1947.

Back from their transcontinental jaunt the Beavers completed their 13-game preseason schedule with a 70-to-30 victory over Portland University in a game played at Corvallis. The victory gave the Beavers a record of 12 wins against a single defeat, as Dan Torrey and Cliff Crandall put on a brilliant scoring exhibition to lead the Beavers.

Oregon State started fast with Dan Torrey and Red Rocha doing most of the scoring and ran up an 11-to-1 lead, holding the Pilots without a field goal for the first five minutes of the game. Portland put on a brief rally to close the gap to 11-to-8, but the Orangemen regained their form and by half time had run up a 35-to-18 lead largely due to the six field goals and two free throws by Dan Torrey, who was hitting the hoop with one handers.

With Cliff Crandall hitting four consecutive baskets to start the second half the Beavers rolled on to their convincing victory.

Play was rough throughout the game with 23 fouls called against Portland and two players leaving the game on personals. Scoring 21 and 20 points, Dan Torrey and Cliff Crandall led the Beavers in the scoring department.

Scoring summary for the 13 preseason games went as follows:  
Red Rocha, 127; Cliff Crandall, 104; Lew Beck, 101; Doug Martin, 99;  
Alex Peterson, 93; Erland Anderson, 91; Dan Torrey, 70; Morrie Silver,

61; Norm Carey, 54; and Frank Roelandt, 41.

The Beavers ran up 870 points, an average of 66.9 points per game. The 13 opponents registered exactly half as many, 435 or 33.5 per outing.

With this outstanding preseason record behind them the Beavers looked ahead to opening their conference play against the Washington State Cougars at Corvallis. The Cougars had pulled an upset when they split their two game series with Oregon at Eugene.

#### Conference Games.

Washington State College 28 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 6, 1947.

Oregon State opened its Conference schedule in an impressive fashion by overwhelming the Washington State Cougars 52-to-28. The play opened up at a snail's pace as four minutes went by before the first field goal was scored by Red Rocha. At the 11 minutes mark the Beavers were leading 11-to-0 as W.S.C. scored their first field goal. In the final nine minutes of the first half the Orangemen scored 19 points while holding Washington State to one field goal and that came with just 30 seconds remaining in the half. The half-time score was 30-to-7 for Oregon State.

The second half saw the play speed up with the two teams battling on even terms and both coaches clearing their benches of substitutes. Oregon State's longest lead of the game came six minutes after the second half began when Lew Beck stole a pass in midcourt

and scored to bring the count to 41-to-13, a 28-point margin.

High-point honors went to Beck who had five field goals and two free throws for 12 points, with Red Rocha scoring 11 and Dan Torrey 9 points.

Washington State College 30 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 7, 1947.

The Beavers made it two straight over the Cougars with a 53-to-30 victory and moved into a first place tie with the University of Washington.

The game started in reverse of the previous night as Washington State jumped into a quick 7-to-1 lead before Red Rocha scored to bring it to 7-to-3. In the next eight minutes of play the Orangemen scored 17 points while the best Washington State could do was one field goal and a free throw. The half ended with a big 33-to-11 bulge in favor of the Orangemen. Rocha was the big gun in this scoring spree as he scored 18 points, two less than his game total of 20.

The opening of the second half saw the Cougars collect 10 points while the Beavers were getting only four, but the rally was short-lived. Insertion of a new O.S.C. team resulted in the Beavers taking command again as Norm Carey and Cliff Crandall led the attack. The most potent point makers for the Beavers, besides Rocha, were Carey and Crandall with seven points apiece.

Coach Gill gave his Beavers little time to gloat over their one-sided victories as he started making preparations for the season's

opener against the University of Oregon.

Two days before the big contest four Beaver cagers came down with a case of food poisoning and spent a day in the college infirmary. Stricken were Cliff Crandall, Alex Peterson, Red Rocha, and Norm Carey. Rocha and Carey recovered sufficiently to take part in the short practice session the day before the game.

Coach Slat Gill announced the following line-up: Erland Anderson and Norm Carey, forwards; Red Rocha, center; and Lew Beck and Dan Torrey, guards. To cope with the emergency Ernie Neal, a letterman from the 1946 squad, moved up from the junior varsity for the important contest.

Don Samuel, ace right halfback on the grid squad and an outstanding high school hoop performer at Hood River, turned out for the squad at the beginning of the winter term and was showing promise at a forward position.

University of Oregon 69 -- O.S.C. 73, Corvallis, Oregon, January 11, 1947.

In a thrilling overtime contest, played at Corvallis, the Beavers defeated the Ducks of Oregon 73-to-69. Oregon took an early lead and held it through most of the first half. Stan Williamson started the scoring for Oregon on a free throw and Ken Hays, Oregon forward, dropped in a field goal for a quick lead, but the Beavers quickly caught up. The first tie, at 6-6, came four minutes after Erland Anderson had dribbled to an Orange basket and sunk a free throw.

With a succession of baskets by John Dick and Roger Wiley, the

Ducks at one time held a 17-to-10 lead. About half way through the half the Beavers started hitting and with Oregon leading 22-to-19, Red Rocha scored a lay-in basket on a fast break pass from Lew Beck, and Beck then fast broke to take a pass from Morrie Silver and scored a lay-in which gave the Orangemen their first lead, 23-to-22. The Beavers' lead was short-lived as the Ducks came back and pushed in front by six points at 29-to-23. The Beavers trimmed this to only a four-point margin, 34-to-30, as the half ended.

The second half started with Red Rocha dominating the play as he hit three field goals in the first four minutes to put the Orangemen one point in front at 37-to-36. The score was tied six times after that with Oregon only holding the lead once at 56-to-54 with six minutes left to play. The Beavers, through this period were playing without the services of Red Rocha, who was banished on five personal fouls.

Oregon State again forged ahead and with less than a minute to play were leading 62-to-59 when Ken Hays, Oregon forward, scored a field goal and was fouled in the act of shooting by Doug Martin, Beaver center. Hays made his free throw to tie the score at 62-all with 28 seconds remaining.

Going into the overtime the Beavers grabbed a quick lead on Morrie Silver's field goal. Oregon's Stan Williamson retaliated with two field goals only to have Silver tie the score at 66-all with another field goal.

From here the Beavers really took command as Alex Peterson hit

a field goal and a free throw. Another free throw, this time by Cliff Crandall, partially offset an Oregon basket and the Beavers had a two-point, 70-to-68, margin with only two minutes remaining. The desperate Ducks fouled continually in the closing minutes trying to gain possession of the ball but it was all in vain as the Beavers remained in control and gained another great victory.

All players who participated for the Beavers turned in creditable jobs and the scoring ran as follows: Lew Beck was high with 16 points, being followed by Rocha and Silver with 12, Peterson with 10, Anderson 9, Crandall 7, Carey 5, and Martin 2.

Resting in first place with a three win, no loss record, the Beavers had to meet the tough University of Oregon again in their second meeting of the year. This time the game was played at Eugene.

After the three games Red Rocha and Lew Beck were leading the Beaver scorers with 43 and 33 points.

During the practice sessions prior to the game, Slat Gill made a definite change in his starting lineup by replacing freshman Dan Torrey with Morrie Silver at one of the guard spots.

Starting lineup for the second game against the Ducks was Alex Peterson and Cliff Crandall, forwards; Red Rocha, center; and Silver and Beck, guards.

University of Oregon 45 -- O.S.C. 52, Eugene, Oregon, January 17, 1947.

The Orangemen continued their red hot drive for league honors with a 52-to-45 victory over the University of Oregon before a crowd of

6,700 fans.

For the first twenty minutes of play Oregon was in the contest all the way and were leading all the way to half time after they had broken a 9-9 tie. From this point, the Webfoots blasted their way to a 14-to-9 lead, but the Beavers narrowed the gap to 16-to-13 at the 14 minute mark on field goals by Red Rocha and little Morrie Silver. Two minutes from the close of the first half the Ducks were on the long end of a 21-to-15 score, but a foul shot by Dan Torrey and baskets by Alex Peterson and Lew Beck closed the gap to 21-to-20 as the half ended.

The Beavers really went to work in the second half as they blanked the Ducks for the first four and a half minutes while running the count to 27-to-21. Oregon had several short-lived rallies, but they never got within seven points of the Beavers at any time. The Ducks fired 70 shots at the hoop and made only 14 baskets for a poor 200 percent. Oregon State's tough defense had much to do with the poor Oregon shooting. Meanwhile the Beavers shot at a 300 percentage when they hit 20 shots in 63 attempts.

Leading the Beavers in their fine exhibition was Alex Peterson with 17 points and Red Rocha with 13. Cliff Crandall and Lew Beck also contributed to the scoring column with eight points apiece.

Defense and more defense was on the program as the Beavers started preparing for their next foe, the University of Washington. Particularly feared was Washington's big Jack Nichols, towering 6'6" center.

The streamlined Beavers averaged 59 points in four league starts while holding the opposition to an average of 42.7. In the ratings of Dick Dunkel, national authority, the Beavers were placed fourth behind Kentucky, West Virginia, and Notre Dame.

Making the trip to Seattle along with Coach Slats Gill and student manager, Stan Commons were Alex Peterson, Cliff Crandall, Norm Carey, Erland Anderson, Don Samuel, Red Rocha, Doug Martin, Lew Beck, Morrie Silver, Frank Roelandt, and Dan Torrey.

In an interview with Seattle sportswriter, Alex Shults, Seattle Times, Coach Slats Gill made the statement that his 1947 team could be the greatest of all Oregon State teams he had coached.

University of Washington 37 -- O.S.C. 59, Seattle, Washington,  
January 24, 1947.

A record smashing crowd of 13,500 jammed into Hec Edmundson Pavilion and saw one of the hottest, fastest, and shootingest Oregon State basketball teams in history trounce the University of Washington 59-to-37.

The Beavers beat the Huskies at their own game, running. The game started at breakneck speed and only early in the game did the Huskies ever remain a serious threat. They led at one time 10-to-9, but after that they did nothing but attempt to solve the Beavers' fast breaking offense.

At the ten-minute mark Oregon State had pulled ahead 15-to-10 on baskets by Lew Beck and Morrie Silver. The quick baskets by Beck and Silver seemed to break the Huskies' back and firmly established the

trend of the contest. Lew Beck with his lightening quickness did a tremendous job of fast breaking, shooting, stealing the ball as he led the Beavers in their great first half exhibition. The Beavers held a 27-to-19 lead at half time.

In the second half it was all Oregon State again as they commanded the backboards and outplayed the Huskies in all departments. Midway in the second half both coaches sent reserves into the fray. The score was 47-to-28 when the subs took over. From this point on the teams played on even terms.

In one of Oregon State's greatest winning exhibitions they not only outran the running Huskies but they outshot them 24 baskets to only 14, out-defensed them, as the figures showed, outmaneuvered and outplayed them generally.

Leading the Beavers to this triumph was speedster Lew Beck who topped all scorers with 16 points on eight field goals. Next in line were Cliff Crandall and Red Rocha who had 13 and 8 points respectively.

University of Washington 60 -- O.S.C. 44, Seattle, Washington,  
January 25, 1947.

In complete reversal of their first game the Washington Huskies defeated Oregon State 60-to-44. The Orangemen, at this point, had five wins and one loss in conference play. The first half saw the two teams battle on even terms with seven ties and 15 other changes in score with Washington overcoming a one point Beaver lead to forge ahead by one point, 27-to-26, at half time, on Bob Jorgensen's long field goal just before the gun. Oregon State had a hard time holding

big Jack Nichols in check as he dominated the Husky offense through the first half.

The Beavers stayed in the struggle for the first five minutes of the second half, catching the Huskies at 30-30 but never being able to take a lead. For nine minutes the Orangemen were held scoreless while Washington was pumping in 14 points before Lew Beck cast off with a long two-handed set shot for his first basket of the game. This Husky rally resulted in a 14-point lead and they started to stall with six minutes left to play. They picked up numerous baskets when the Beavers started to press, and capitalized on all the free throw opportunities.

Even in defeat the Beavers were only one basket short of the Huskies, the count being 18-to-19, 14 of the Huskies' 16 point margin came on free throws. Washington's free throw percentage was a terrific 92 percent on 22 of 24 attempts.

Washington's field goal percentage was lower than Oregon State's (300 percent as compared to the Beavers 353 percent). The difference that gave the Huskies their point advantage was that they shot 64 times as compared to the Beavers 51 shots.

Oregon State's only consistent scorer was Cliff Crandall with a total of 15 points. Next came Rocha and Beck with eight points apiece.

Another crucial series against Washington was on tap for the Beavers, this time in Corvallis. For the Beavers this stand was an all-important one, with the Huskies just one game and a half behind the front-running Orangemen.

Going into the important series it was still Red Rocha who led the Beaver scoring parade with his 74 points in six games for a 12.3 average. This total also gave him fourth spot in the conference individual scoring race. Other leading Beaver scorers were Beck 65, Crandall 55, Peterson 36, Anderson 31, Carey 24, and Silver 22.

The same Washington line-up that gained a split with the Beavers in their first meeting was named to start. It was Boody Gilbertson and Sammy White, forwards; Jack Nichols, center; and Bob Jorgensen and Bill Taylor, guards.

University of Washington 52 -- O.S.C. 56, Corvallis, Oregon, January 31, 1947.

In an overtime thriller the Oregon State Beavers defeated the University of Washington Huskies 56-to-52. The Orangemen started out quick as they gained an 8-to-2 lead after three minutes of play. The Huskies put together a rally and were only behind by a point, 10-to-11, after eight minutes of play and then tied the score at 19-all with a minute and a half of the first period left to play.

At this point the Beavers' Lew Beck took charge and rammed home two long howitzers from mid floor to go along with Erland Anderson's basket from outside the key, and O.S.C. led 25-to-20 at the half.

In the second half the Orangemen quickly built a seven-point lead with the score 29-to-22 after five minutes of play, but Washington came back strong and closed the gap to one point at 34-to-35 with nine minutes gone.

With Bob Jorgensen leading a potent Washington rally the Huskies took over the lead for the first time at 40-to-39 with eight minutes remaining. The remaining part of the regulation play time was back and forth with the lead changing hands with almost every basket. With Washington leading 40-to-39 the Beavers came back to gain the lead on Frank Roelandt's field goal, but Jorgensen hit for another field goal and Washington was ahead 42-to-41. Morrie Silver scored on a lay-in basket and O.S.C. led 43-to-42. A free throw by Jack Nichols and a field goal by Jorgensen gave the Huskies a 45-to-43 edge. Washington's Sammy White lengthened the lead to three points with a charity toss but O.S.C. came back again to trail by only one point as Red Rocha scored on a swing shot.

With the Huskies in front 46-to-45 with one minute and 15 seconds remaining, Cliff Crandall intercepted a Washington pass and quickly passed to Alex Peterson who dropped the ball through the hoop to put the Beavers ahead 47-to-46.

There were only 52 seconds remaining in the regulation period when Red Rocha had his fifth personal foul called on him as he fouled Boody Gilbertson, Washington forward, who sank the gift throw to make it 47-all, and there it stood when the gun shot ended the regular playing time.

With the result at the end of the five minute overtime spelling a firm hold on first place or an anemic grip on same, the Orangemen went to work and simply outran the Huskies of the University of Washington. Lew Beck started the Beavers with a field goal just 10

seconds after the overtime opened. Alex Peterson followed with a free throw that gave the Beavers a three-point lead. Washington came back to within one point on Boody Gilbertson's field goal only to lose Gilbertson via an injury, a severe blow to Washington's hopes. Two free throws by Cliff Crandall and Beck's second field goal put the Beavers into a commanding five point lead and eventual victory as they stayed in command throughout the remaining minutes of play.

The victory gave the Beavers a firm hold on their first place position with a six win, one loss record for conference play. Lew Beck had a big night as the little Beaver veteran scored 19 points and led the Orangemen to their victory. Next in line came Erland Anderson with 10 points and Red Rocha with eight.

University of Washington 63 -- O.S.C. 84, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 1, 1947.

The second meeting of the two teams at Corvallis and final of the four-game series resulted in a record breaking, 84-to-63 Beaver win. The 84 point total wrote a new Northern Division scoring record in court archives. The overall total of 147 was also a new mark for teams of the future to shoot for.

A terrific exhibition of scoring came in the closing minutes of play, when the torrid Beavers poured home 21 points in four minutes, 30 seconds, when Washington was only three points behind, 63-to-60.

The Beavers started almost as fast as they finished as they took a 14-to-5 lead in the first five minutes of play. For the first 12 minutes of this opening half the Beavers were brilliant. With Alex

Peterson leading the way they soared along at a blistering pace holding a 39-to-19 margin as the teams entered the last minutes of the half. In the last seven minutes the Huskies made a determined bid and cut the Beaver lead down to 10 points as the half ended, 41-to-31.

During the second half the fans saw a determined Husky quintet peck away at the Orange lead and come within three points when the roof fell in. When the big scoring burst came, both teams were well spotted with second stringers. Lew Beck and Red Rocha were the only Beaver regulars in action when Beck took off the Husky pressure with a 15 footer to boost the count to 65-to-60. After that it was a succession of Beaver scores with all hands taking part. Those scoring were Beck, Rocha, Samuel, Roelandt, and Torrey. Beck's 21 points gave him high point honors but he was followed very closely by Rocha with 18, Peterson with 15 and Cliff Crandall with 11. Beck's 21 points gave him a total of 40 points in the two games and also moved him into the leading scoring spot for the Beavers with 105 points in eight games to Red Rocha's 100.

With the record breaking performance against the University of Washington behind them the Beavers looked forward to their third encounter against the University of Oregon. The speedy Orangemen already held two victories over the tough and rugged Oregon crew and were looking forward to a third.

University of Oregon 57 -- O.S.C. 71, Corvallis, Oregon, February 8, 1947.

In a contest which saw 54 fouls called by officials Hal Lee and Hal Eustis, Oregon State kept their march to a Northern Division championship going, with a 71-to-57 victory over the University of Oregon. During most of the first half the Ducks were in the ball game all the way never falling more than seven points behind until the final five minutes of the period.

Moving into a quick 8-to-2 lead after two minutes of play, O.S.C. jumped the score up to 20-to-13 just three minutes later as Cliff Crandall and Alex Peterson set the tempo. With 13 minutes and 30 seconds gone the Beavers, with Peterson, Red Rocha, and Lew Beck pouring in points, held a 27-to-18 lead. Oregon had a short-lived spurt near the end of the half but the Beavers recovered and moved out to a 39-to-28 lead at half time.

The second half saw Oregon State maintain its effectiveness, lengthening the lead of 11 points to 12 and then 14, 15, 17, 20, and finally to 23 points midway through the half.

During this half the officials were taking no chances that the game would get out of control as they were tooting down even the minor infractions. At the end of the game the officials' tooting resulted in 29 fouls being called against Oregon State and 25 against Oregon for the grand total of 54. As a result Oregon collected 21 of their 57 points via the foul line and Oregon State scored 19 of their 71 points from the same spot.

Again it was Lew Beck who led the scorers as he hit for 18 points on six field goals and six free throws. Other potent Beaver

scorers were Cliff Crandall with 13, Red Rocha 10, Erland Anderson 9, and Alex Peterson 8.

Idaho's Vandals, champs of 1946, were the next opponents for the league-leading Beavers, who went into the series with a record of eight wins and one loss.

The Vandals came into Corvallis with a record of nine straight conference defeats without a victory, and were without the services of two regulars who were left in Moscow with injuries. They were Fred Quinn and Bill Carbough.

University of Idaho 40 -- O.S.C. 77, Corvallis, Oregon, February 11, 1947.

Oregon State's first victory of the year over the University of Idaho was a great tribute to the Beavers' Ephriam "Red" Rocha as he scored 38 points in the Beavers' 77-to-40 victory. Red's record breaking performance far overshadowed the fact that the Orangemen continued their sweep through the Northern Division. Rocha's 38 points beat the old individual scoring mark of 34 points set in 1944 by Don McMillan, then a University of Washington V-12 athlete, in a game against Washington State College at Pullman, and later in 1945 tied by Washington State's Vince Hanson.

Right from the start the fans and everyone concerned could see that Big Red was in this game as he quickly put the Beavers ahead with two of Oregon State's three baskets within the first minute of play. At the nine minute mark the Orange were ahead 23-to-8 and maintained

the 15 point lead at the half 38-to-23. Rocha dominated the first half as he scored six times from the field and three times from the foul line. His field goals came on fast break lay-ins, on shots from the post play and on one-handed pushers from the vicinity of the foul line.

The second half saw the game go along in the same pattern with Rocha continuing to pour the ball through the net. With the score reading 64-to-32, with six and one half minutes left Coach Slat Gill pulled Rocha and Lew Beck, the only remaining regulars, from the floor. Rocha had 30 points. A hurried consultation was held along the scoring table. Finally, Irwin Harris, Oregon State's publicity director, walked over to the bench and informed Coach Gill that Rocha needed five more points for a new record. Immediately Coach Gill sent Rocha back into the contest and it was evident that his teammates on the floor were not conscious of the fact that Red was close to a record. Coach Gill quickly sent in Don Samuel, who held a short conversation with the other members of the team on the floor. Now they too knew Rocha was near a record and passed to him at every opportunity.

Red went right back to work as he bucketed a free throw and seconds later tipped in his own rebound to bring him to 33 points. Less than a minute later he scored a racing shot and the old mark was broken. He raised it another point on another free throw and 30 seconds before the final gun scored another field goal for his final total. Rocha scored his 38 points on 16 baskets off 32 shots for a 500 percent shooting average. He totaled six points from the foul line. Rocha now had a total of 146 points in 10 games for an average

of 14.6 per game.

University of Idaho 37 -- O.S.C. 71, Corvallis, Oregon, February 12, 1947.

The Beavers swept to their tenth conference victory when they overwhelmed the University of Idaho, 71-to-37, for their second victory over the Vandals. It was the last home game for the Beavers as they opened slowly, taking an 11-to-5 lead before opening up midway in the half, and again later to grab an overwhelming 41-to-16 half-time lead.

Leading the Beavers to their big half-time lead was clever Morrie Silver who passed the Idaho Vandals dizzy. Of the 41 points the Beavers picked up, Silver had only four of them to his credit but he was fully capable of many more.

Leading scorer for the Beavers was Red Rocha with a total of 18 points which boosted his 11 game total to 166 points and leadership in the conference individual scoring race. Other Beaver scorers were Cliff Crandall and Dan Torrey with 12 points apiece.

Needing only three victories to sew up the division crown, the Beavers headed north for their annual four-games-in-five-nights trip to the Inland Empire. Everybody was talking about and hoping for a clean sweep of the four-game series which had never been accomplished by any Oregon State basketball team.

University of Idaho 57 -- O.S.C. 46, Moscow, Idaho, February 21, 1947.

An impossible feat was accomplished when the championship bound Beavers were upset by the Idaho Vandals, 57-to-46. It was

Idaho's first victory in 14 conference games and Oregon State's second loss. The inspired Vandals dominated play throughout the game as big Jack Phoenix, the Vandal's huge center, swarmed all over Red Rocha holding the Beaver scoring star to three free throws.

The game opened on even terms as the teams were tied at 1, 3, and 5 points. After four and a half minutes had gone by, Idaho broke the 5-5 tie on Grant Mortinsen's field goal, and Oregon State never regained the lead.

Forward Johnny Evans led an Idaho attack which netted them 12 points in four minutes for a 17-to-5 lead. The Beavers' Lew Beck then led a rally that cut the lead to seven points with one minute left in the half. Idaho gained a nine-point half-time lead on Jack Phoenix's tip-in just before the gun.

Idaho wasted no time in the second half, immediately expanding its advantage to 13 points on field goals by Wendell Christensen and Norman Fredekind. The Vandals never relinquished their lead and played the type of basketball that won them the division championship in 1946.

Coach Slat Gill tried various tactics and combinations in the closing minutes, trying to get the ball and to score, but the Vandal's defense held tight.

University of Idaho 35 -- O.S.C. 69, Moscow, Idaho, February 22, 1947.

After their stunning upset defeat at the hands of the Vandals the Beavers came back the second night with vengeance as they romped

over the helpless Vandals, 69-to-35. Shooting with uncanny accuracy from the opening whistle, the Beavers early dispelled any doubts of their ability to snap back from defeat. The Beavers scored all but nine of their points on field goals as they hit more than half their attempts and jumped into an early lead that was never threatened. With Cliff Crandall leading the way the Orangemen ran up a 21-point lead with five minutes left in the half. The first half ended with O.S.C. leading 39-to-15.

Red Rocha, who had scored his first field goal in the second Idaho series with six minutes gone in the first half, led off the second half scoring and once again the Beavers were on the move. Idaho made a brief rally during the early part of the second half, at one time cutting the Beaver lead to 19 points at a 45-to-26 count, but, with 13 minutes left to play, Slat Gill sent in his second team.

Leading the Beavers to their win were Cliff Crandall and Lew Beck as they scored 14 and 11 points respectively. All Beavers who saw action added to the point column. Red Rocha had nine points, Don Samuel eight, Morrie Silver seven, Alex Peterson six, Erland Anderson, Dan Torrey, and Frank Roelanit all had four, and Doug Martin two.

Washington State College 30 -- O.S.C. 51, Pullman, Washington,  
February 24, 1947.

Moving over to Pullman, Washington the Beavers defeated Washington State College, 51-to-30, to assure the 1947 Northern Division

championship for the fifth such title under Coach Slat's Gill.

The Washington State gymnasium was jammed with 5,829 fans who saw the Beavers come through with convincing ease. From the opening 15 seconds when Erland Anderson, Beaver forward, sank a lay-in basket, the trend prevailed. At the two and a half minute mark Washington State got its first field goal and trailed six to two. It was never again closer. At half time it was Oregon State 26, Washington State 12, a 14 point margin.

During the second half Oregon State slowly but steadily increased the margin. Two Beaver players were put on the injury list during the second half but neither case was serious. Alex Peterson was knocked unconscious when he bumped heads with Washington State's Bob Sheridan trying to capture a loose ball going out of bounds. Peterson was helped off the floor with a deep gash above his left eye. Erland Anderson twisted his right ankle.

The victory gave the Beavers a conference record of 12 wins and two losses. Leading the Beaver attack was big Red Rocha who dropped in 14 points to bring his conference total to 190, only four points behind his mark of 1946, with two games still to go. Right behind Red came Cliff Crandall with 13 points and Lew Beck with 8.

An interested spectator at the game was U.C.L.A.'s coach, Wilbur Johns, whose team was leading the Southern Division Conference race.

Washington State College 49 -- O.S.C. 38, Pullman, Washington,  
February 25, 1947.

The Beavers, still smarting over their championship victory of the previous night, ran into a red-hot Cougar quintet and lost a 49-to-38 decision. Oregon State took a quick 3-to-0 lead in the first three minutes, but the Cougars tied the count a minute later. The advantage changed hands frequently until Oregon State took a 17-to-10 margin midway in the half. Morrie Silver and Lew Beck led the Beaver scoring during this session.

The Cougars, with Bob Elliott leading the way, started after the Beavers and maneuvered the lead 22-to-21 in the last minutes of the period, only to have Oregon State pull ahead by three points at the end of the half on Lew Beck's long howitzer.

The second half started like a house a fire as the Cougars went ahead 27-to-24 in two minutes of play but on field goals by Red Rocha and Morrie Silver Oregon State regained the lead 29-to-27 with three minutes gone. It was the last time the Beavers held the advantage.

In the next seven minutes the Cougars went on a rampage and scored 10 points in seven minutes while holding the Beavers scoreless. The rally gave the Cougars a 42-to-30 advantage with eight minutes left to play.

Oregon State managed a short rally that narrowed the gap to 45-to-37 with four minutes to play, but the Cougars finished the game going away.

The only Beaver to show any consistency in the scoring department was Morrie Silver as he connected for 11 points. His four field

goals in the first half were all that kept Oregon State in the game.

With a chance to beat Jack Nichols, Washington center, for the individual scoring title Red Rocha was held to six points. He had to score at least seven points against the University of Oregon in the last game of the season to overcome Nichols' total of 204. Rocha finished the Cougar series with a total of 198 points.

University of Oregon 59 -- O.S.C. 67, Eugene, Oregon, March 1, 1947.

The Beavers made their final appearance of Northern Division play when they met and defeated the tough University of Oregon quintet, 67-to-59 at Eugene. It marked the first time since 1933 that the Beavers swept all four games from the Ducks. The victory was the 13th of the conference season for the Beavers, against three losses, a new high for a championship Oregon State team. No other Orange Northern Division champion was able to win more than 12 games.

The game was a rough affair throughout as the Ducks were fighting desperately to keep from being blanked and had 40 fouls called against them. Despite their overabundance of fouls the Ducks almost turned the trick as they started out in great fashion. After three and a half minutes of play the Oregons had run up a 10-to-3 lead. But the Northern Division champs roared back to knot the score at 13-all, and from then on they gathered up steam and outfired the Ducks, literally beating them at their favorite game.

It was Red Rocha and Cliff Crandall who teamed together to lead the Beavers to their 37-to-28 bulge at intermission time. Big Red and Cliff each scored 11 points in the wild first half.

In a great second half, full of rugged action, the Beavers withstood numerous Oregon rallies to gain their victory. During the first 14 minutes of play in the second half, the Ducks kept edging up on the Beavers and finally tied the score at 50-50, 56-56, and 58-58. With Lew Beck, Red Rocha and Morrie Silver leading a last surge on the part of "Slate" Gill's gamesters the Beavers ran out their great win.

Red Rocha, who scored 19 points, clinched the division scoring honors with a total of 217 points. This was the second straight year that Rocha had won the championship. In three years of conference play Rocha scored 636 points, more than any other player in the history of the league had collected. It adds up to an average of 212 points per year.

Other potent scorers in the victory were Cliff Crandall and Lew Beck who scored 14 and 13 points respectively.

The Beavers' opponents in the Pacific Coast Conference championship play-offs was the strong U.C.L.A. Bruins, featuring the great Don Barksdale, biggest basketball attraction from the southern division since Hank Luisetti, the former Stanford University All-American.

For U.C.L.A. it was a first venture into the north-south play-off competition, while the Beavers had participated in five such play-offs. Both teams wound up regular conference play with three losses. The Ukes scored 703 points in winning nine and losing three southern-half contests; Oregon State ran up a total of 968 points in annexing 13 out of 16.

Bob Bergstrom, one-time Oregon State basketball star and

physical education department staff member, scouted the Bruins in their game against the University of California. His report back to Coach "Slat" Gill was all Don Barksdale: "Can do anything and everything that John Mandic could, and do it faster" (29, p.172).

Successful in only one out of five tries for the Pacific Coast Conference championship the Beavers were determined to make it the second time in Oregon State basketball history.

University of California at Los Angeles 52 -- O.S.C. 69,  
Corvallis, Oregon, March 7, 1947.

The Beavers opened the championship series with a tremendous roar, as they displayed their greatest brand of ball since mid-season in out-scoring the Bruins 69-to-52.

With every man doing his job to the utmost the Beavers looked like great champions. Morrie Silver and Lew Beck displayed their usual dash and clever ball handling to go along with the great point-making of Red Rocha and the terrific ruggedness of Erland Anderson. Cliff Crandall again showed his basketball wizardry running the clever Oregon State offense. All this put together was just too much for the U.C.L.A. Bruins.

The game started with a quick surge by the Bruins as they romped to a 6-point lead on baskets by Dick West and two by Don Barksdale. At two and a half minutes Oregon State was six points down and called a time out. It was at 2:45 that Lew Beck took the ball and put the Beavers on the score board. The Beavers gradually cut down the Bruin lead until they tied the score at 8-all on Red Rocha's field

goal from 20 feet out. The score was tied again at 9-all from which the Orangemen broke away and ran up a 15-to-11 lead with seven and a half minutes gone by. The Beavers, with Red Rocha, Erland Anderson, and Lew Beck leading the attack, finally found their stride and never again were headed.

They went on to run up their lead to 10 points at 15 minutes, Cliff Crandall's field goal on a pass from Morrie Silver, was the basket that did it.

Near the close of the first half the Bruins narrowed the Beaver edge to four points at 21-to-25, only to have the Orangemen stage another rally of seven straight points to command an 11-point bulge, 39-to-28, at the half.

During the second half things went along the same lines with U.C.L.A. holding its own for a short time only to have Oregon State go on another scoring spree.

Red Rocha and Erland Anderson were almost unnerving in their shooting, the former hitting eight out of 14 and the latter five for nine. Lew Beck and Cliff Crandall were just too swift and deceptive for their checkers and went in for every basket or drew fouls for free throw opportunities. And Morrie Silver always led the fast break, causing confusion amongst the Bruin defenders with his clever passing.

The scoring was distributed among four Oregon Staters with Red Rocha leading the way with 20 points and being followed by Cliff Crandall with 15 and Erland Anderson and Lew Beck with 12 points apiece.

University of California at Los Angeles 46 -- O.S.C. 63,  
Corvallis, Oregon, March 8, 1947.

Oregon State's smooth working quintet made it two straight over the Bruins of U.C.L.A. with a commanding 63-to-46 win. The victory enabled the Orangemen to lay claim to their second Pacific Coast Conference championship under the guidance of Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill.

Their triumph won them the right to represent the coast in the Western National Collegiate Athletic Association finals in Kansas City.

Just as in the previous evening's opening encounter, the Beavers had too much speed, ball handling, shooting accuracy and defensive ability for the outclassed Southern Division winners. Aside from a first-period 11-11 tie that was quickly snapped when Morrie Silver scored two fast baskets, the Orangemen had matters well in hand throughout and ambled along with a 12-to-15 point edge at most intervals.

After Silver broke the tie, Lew Beck and Red Rocha led a Beaver attack that resulted in a 34-to-12 half-time margin. Beck had 13 points the first half to lead the Beavers in that department.

In the final period the two clubs traded baskets, the Beavers playing more cautiously and being content to increase their edge by one point as Coach Slats Gill made liberal use of his reserves.

Lew Beck was the big noise for the Orange as the little guard donated 18 points to the cause to lead all scorers, three better than Cliff Crandall. Red Rocha at center had 12 points.

The Beavers had a tremendous shooting average as they fired 62 shots and caged 26 of them for a terrific .419 average.

Many appraisals were made on the Beavers and their chances in the national competition at Kansas City. Hec Edmundson, University of Washington head basketball mentor, gave the following statement: "This club is the best Slats has had and one which can play ball with any team that ever won the national crown. They have a good chance to go all the way" (30, p.193).

Jack Friel of Washington State College echoed Hec Edmundson's remarks besides going as far as stating that the Beavers were "the best college five I've ever seen" (31, p.193).

Coach "Slats" Gill received word from R. E. Peters, N.C.A.A. tournament manager, that the Beavers were to meet Oklahoma University in their first N.C.A.A. competition. Traveling plans called for the Beavers to leave Portland on the City of Portland streamliner on Tuesday, March 18, and arrive in Kansas City Thursday morning to work out at the municipal auditorium floor that afternoon.

Upon arrival in Kansas City Coach Slats Gill immediately huddled with Paul Valenti, who along with Bob Bergstrom scouted Oklahoma University in its game with St. Louis University. Bergstrom and Valenti had air mailed a detailed scouting report to Coach Gill at Green River, Wyoming where it was delivered to Mr. Gill on the City of Portland streamliner. The report showed that Gerald Tucker, 6'4" center was the big gun in the Sooner's star-studded line-up. He had an admirable supporting cast in such stalwarts as Allie Paine, Paul Courty, Jack Landen,

and Dick Reich.

"Slats" Gill, after close study of the scouting report and conversation with Valenti, announced that Erland Anderson and Cliff Crandall would start at the forward positions, with Red Rocha at center, and Lew Beck and Morrie Silver holding down the guard spots.

Oklahoma University 56 -- O.S.C. 54, Kansas City, Missouri, March 21, 1947.

In one of the most disappointing defeats in Oregon State basketball history, the Beavers lost their chance for national acclaim when a desperate rally for victory fell two points short and Oklahoma University was the winner, 56-to-54.

After building up a 14 point lead the Sooners faded to let the fighting Beavers tie up the score at 46-all in the middle of the second half.

A crowd of 8,526 persons paid \$16,904.76 to see the great double-header which saw Oklahoma and Texas win their way into the final and championship round of the national basketball picture. For the first minutes of the game it was all Oklahoma, with the Sooners hitting baskets with great regularity and the Orangemen, appearing tense and unable to connect. Oklahoma jumped to an early lead ringing up nine points before the Staters could connect for their first field goal. Red Rocha was responsible for the first field goal after four minutes of play had elapsed. Leading the quick Oklahoma burst was Gerald Tucker.

With Tucker, Paul Courty and Dick Reich leading the attack the

Sooners, in eight minutes had gone ahead by 11 points, 30-to-19.

At this point Slat Gill inserted freshman Dan Torrey into the contest and this seemed to set the trailing Beavers aflame. With Torrey leading the way and receiving assistance from Alex Peterson and Lew Beck the Beavers closed the gap and at the end of the first half were trailing Oklahoma by only five points 32-to-27.

In the second half Oregon State's speed started paying off. Led by diminutive Lew Beck, who scored 13 of his evening's 20 points in the second half, and Cliff Crandall, the Beavers tied the Sooners for the first time at 46-all with seven minutes to go. Up until this time Oklahoma managed to stay in front by a count varying from four to eight points. Beck, stealing the ball at mid-court from Jack Landon, sent the Beavers into a 48-to-46 lead at the six and a half minute mark. The Sooners came right back on a field goal by Allie Paine and a free throw to move ahead 49-to-48 when Beck, on a pass from Silver, put the Beavers back in the lead 50-to-49.

That was Oregon State's last time to hold the ball. The Sooners went out in front again on field goals by Paul Courty and Dick Reich, making the score 53-to-50 with two minutes to play. With 38 seconds to play Morrie Silver ended the Beaver scoring with his only field goal of the evening, but he, along with Frank Roelandt and Erland Anderson had chances to knot the score with 20 seconds remaining as they missed shots from around the foul circle. Roelandt, in particular, had three attempts in succession to knot the count, but the ball just would not go through the hoop.

Lew Beck was by far the outstanding athlete on the court as he turned in one of his greatest exhibitions. Besides his 20 points which was tops for the game, he sparked on the defense and his aggressive ball hawking throughout the contest was spectacular. Next to Beck in the scoring department were Rocha with 12 points followed by Crandall with eight.

Others participating in the memorable contest were Erland Anderson, Morrie Silver, Don Samuel, Norm Carey, Dan Torrey, Alex Peterson and Frank Roelandt.

University of Wyoming 46 -- O.S.C. 63, Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 22, 1947.

Coming back, like only champions do, the Oregon State Beavers ended their great season with a convincing 63-to-46 victory over the University of Wyoming to gain third place in the Western Regional play-offs.

The Beavers displayed a brilliant floor and shooting game in defeating the tough Cowboys out of Laramie, Wyoming. Lew Beck was again the spearhead as he led the Beavers' fast breaking offense and for the second night scored 20 points.

Five times during the first half the score was tied at 3-3, 5-5, 9-9, 16-16, and 20-20, but then the Orangemen got rolling and Wyoming never seriously threatened to get back into the game. After the 20-all tie the Beavers vaulted into a 32-to-27 half-time lead.

During the second half the Beavers maintained their torrid pace and whenever Beck slowed his scoring pace, Erland Anderson, Red

Rocha and Alex Peterson picked up and ran the Beavers' advantage to 11 points, 48-to-37, with the second period half gone. Through the rest of the second half the Beavers maintained the upper hand which gained them a split in their first Kansas City invasion.

Lew Beck's points gave him a total of 40 points in the two games which made him the leading scorer for the tournament. Other potent scorers in the contest were Erland Anderson, Cliff Crandall, and Red Rocha, with totals of 10, 8, and 9 points respectively.

All-star honors for the year went to Lew Beck, Red Rocha, Morrie Silver, and Cliff Crandall. Beck and Rocha received All-American honors, all-coast honors, and all-Northern Division honors. Silver received all-coast and all-Northern Division honors, with Cliff Crandall receiving all-Northern Division rating.

Rocha also received the honor of representing Oregon State and the Pacific Coast Conference in the annual Herald-American all-star game between all-star teams from the East and West. The game was held in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Varsity award winners for the 1946-47 season were Red Rocha, Lew Beck, Erland Anderson, Morrie Silver, Doug Martin, Alex Peterson, Norm Carey, Don Samuel, Frank Roelandt, Cliff Crandall, and Dan Torrey.

## 1947-48 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

After two months of extensive practice Oregon State's defending Pacific Coast Conference champions opened their 15-game preseason schedule against the University of Portland in Portland.

Prior to their game with Portland, Beaver head coach "Slats" Gill had been working a 21 man squad hard, looking for men to replace the four starters from the coast championship team who were lost through graduation. Only fancy dribbling Cliff Crandall was sure of a starting position with the other four positions being wide open. Alex Peterson and Norm Carey, letter winners, led the way for two of the positions, and Ernie Neal, up from the jayvees, held down the fourth spot.

The fifth man alternately came from Dan Torrey, Dick Ballantyne, Frank Roelandt and Ward Paldanius. Torrey and Roelandt were both letter winners and Ballantyne and Paldanius were mainstays on the 1947 junior varsity.

Fourteen men, eight of them letter winners from other years, made up the traveling squad for the opening clashes of the season against the University of Portland and Fee's Rollerdom on the floor of the Portland Armory.

Coach Slats Gill's opening quintet was made up of Cliff Crandall and Ernie Neal, forwards; Alex Peterson at center; Frank Roelandt and Norman Carey at guards.

Others in the traveling squad were Ken Storey, Ward

Paldanius, Dick Ballantyne, Len Rinearson, Jim Catterall, Dan Torrey, Bernie McGrath, Tommy Holman, and Jack Detour.

Portland University 45 -- O.S.C. 56, Portland, Oregon, November 28, 1947.

The Beavers were successful in their opening tilt of the season as they defeated Portland University 56-to-45. The Staters managed to gain a slight 23-to-22 lead as the gun ended the first half. With veteran Cliff Crandall and Alex Peterson leading the way the Beavers pulled away in the second half and gained their initial victory of the new season.

Both teams were slow in starting and were rather ragged in their shooting until after about 10 minutes of play. More than 2,000 persons witnessed the contest in which 25 basketball players participated, 13 for the Oregon State team and 12 for the University of Portland.

Leading Oregon State point gathers were Cliff Crandall with 16 and Alex Peterson with 12. Frank Roelandt also figured in the scoring with a total of nine points.

Fee's Rollerdrone 38 -- O.S.C. 43, Portland, Oregon, November 29, 1947.

The Beavers made it two in a row in the city of Portland as they defeated Fee's Rollerdrone 43-to-38 for their second consecutive basketball victory.

Again the Beavers were held in check in the first half, holding only a 22-to-20 half-time edge. The Orangemen had to fight from behind

after the rugged Fees snagged a 29-to-24 lead after six minutes of the second half. Cliff Crandall, Frank Roelandt and Len Rinearson led a Beaver onslaught which gained them the lead at 34-to-31 and then pushed ahead to the 43-to-38 final.

Leading all scorers was Cliff Crandall with a total of 12 points. Next in line came Alex Peterson with 8 points and Dan Torrey with six.

Linfield College 38 -- O.S.C. 56, Corvallis, Oregon, December 1, 1947.

Oregon State opened its home season with a third straight victory, defeating Linfield College 56-to-38 before about 2,000 fans. The Beavers led all the way after the three-minute mark and ran up a 24-to-18 lead at half time.

During the second half the Orangemen held Linfield to five field goals, allowing only one in the first 10 minutes. Cliff Crandall and Alex Peterson led the Beavers in the scoring department with 12 and 11 points respectively. Other potent scorers for Oregon State were Norm Carey with nine points, Len Rinearson with seven points, and Jim Catterall with six.

Willamette University 41 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, December 22, 1947.

Willamette University forced the Oregon State Beavers to come from behind late in the second half to gain their fourth straight victory. The Beavers overcame a nine-point Willamette advantage in the last 11 minutes of play to win, 47-to-41. This late rally was led

by Alex Peterson, veteran center.

Oregon State built up a 17-to-14 lead with five and a half minutes left in the first half. But the Bearcats, with Jim Johnson leading the way, came on with a rush to go ahead at the half, 24-to-20.

In the second half the Bearcats lengthened the lead early in the half. Baskets by Frank Roelandt and Cliff Crandall started the Beavers on their comeback and with eight minutes remaining they cut Willamette's lead to four points. Two baskets by Alex Peterson started the Orange push, which netted 14 points in five minutes as their tight defense held the Cats scoreless.

The Beaver scoring was fairly evenly spread. Frank Roelandt led the way with 12 points, followed by Alex Peterson and Cliff Crandall with eight.

Coach Slat Gill named an 11-man squad for the Beavers' eastern trip. The hoopsters left Portland on the streamliner "City of Portland" for Buffalo, New York where they met Canisius College. Men named to make the long trip were Cliff Crandall, Alex Peterson, Frank Roelandt, Dan Torrey, Ernie Neal, Dick Ballantyne, Ken Storey, Jim Catterall, and Ward Paldanius.

Canisius College 48 -- O.S.C. 50, Buffalo, New York, December 6, 1947.

Jim Catterall, substitute Beaver guard, sparked the Beavers to a thrilling 50-to-48 victory over Canisius College and kept the Beaver victory streak alive at five straight. The game was played before a capacity crowd of 10,281. The diminutive Catterall cut loose for 12

points in the second half to pull Oregon State back from the brink of defeat.

After five minutes of play, Canisius was leading 10-to-1. Oregon State's Frank Roelandt broke the spell, but Canisius continued to outplay its taller rivals from the Northwest and held a 31-to-23 lead at the half.

After the midway point, Catterall entered the game and its entire complexion changed. The Orangemen began moving up and Canisius lost its precision. With three minutes to go, Oregon State was behind by two points. Cliff Crandall sank a free throw and Catterall scored two quick field goals and a free throw to give the Beavers their fine victory.

Although Catterall had his greatest night, Crandall managed to lead the Beaver scorers with 14 points followed closely by Catterall with 12. Ernie Neal contributed nine points to the winning cause.

The Beavers entrained immediately for New York to meet the strong City College of New York quintet in famed Madison Square Garden.

City College of New York 56 -- O.S.C. 51, New York, New York,  
December 2, 1947.

Playing before a crowd of 17,000 the Oregon State Beavers fell before the Beavers of the City College of New York 56-to-51 to snap a five-game winning streak.

Trailing practically from the start, with the exception of the end of the first half when they led 23-to-22, C.C.N.Y. put together

seven straight points late in the final quarter to overcome a 44-to-41 Oregon State lead.

The Beavers pulled up to within 49-to-48 with three minutes remaining as Cliff Crandall and Ward Paldanius hit with long one-handers, but City College ran off nine consecutive points to clinch the victory.

Crandall again led the Orange scoring and it was his fine all-around play which enabled the Beavers to stay in front a large portion of the game. He scored 12 points. Closest to Crandall were Dan Torrey and Ken Storey with eight and seven respectively. All members of the traveling squad were given an opportunity to show their wares on the famed Madison Square court.

The Beavers entrained immediately for Chicago and the first leg of their journey westward. They were delayed one whole day because of a train wreck on their way to Chicago which resulted in the Beavers arriving in Chicago too late to make their western connections.

The athletes had a couple of days of final examinations and rest before they started an extensive Christmas vacation schedule during which they played 10 games.

Linfield College 32 -- O.S.C. 56, McMinnville, Oregon, December 13, 1947.

Oregon State got back on the victory trail with a 56-to-32 victory over Linfield College in a game played at McMinnville. Forwards Cliff Crandall and Norm Carey led the Orange attack which

resulted in a 22-to-11 half-time lead.

The Beavers continued their onslaught during the second half with Crandall again leading the way. He led all scorers with 13 points. Paul Sliper, transfer from Vanport College, made his debut successful as he was second to Crandall in the scoring department with nine points.

Coach Slat Gill sent his Orangemen through a heavy scrimmage in preparation for the two-game series with the highly-rated Oakland Bittners. The Bittners, runner-up for the National A.A.U. title the previous season, came to Corvallis with an impressive 13 wins in 14 starts.

Two of the Bittner stars were well known to Orange hoop fans. Morrie Silver, ex-Beaver, was one of the finest passers and ball handlers ever to perform for the Orange. Bittner center was Don Barksdale who performed for U.C.L.A. in the coast play-offs of 1946-47 at Corvallis in which the Beavers were victorious.

The Beavers went into the two-game series with a record of six wins in its first seven starts.

Oakland Bittners 63 -- O.S.C. 73, Corvallis, Oregon, December 19, 1947.

Oregon State rolled to a convincing 73-to-63 victory over the Oakland Bittners in the first of the two-game series. The Beavers accomplished what four other top collegiate fives had failed to do. Cliff Crandall sparked the Orange attack all the way with his tricky offensive style and backboard work.

Oregon State took a quick lead as Crandall scored on a lay-in.

The Beavers pulled away on Dick Ballantyne's free throw and field goal. The Bittners were no match for the Orange shooting and halfway through the first half the Beavers led, 18-to-11 and went on to hold a 38-to-31 edge at half time.

For the first eight minutes of the last half the Orange scored with uncanny accuracy and worked the margin up to 21 points, 58-to-37, with 12 minutes to play.

Crandall and Alex Peterson led the Oregon State scoring with 16 points apiece. Two ex-jayvee stars, Dick Ballantyne and Ward Pal-danius, were close behind with 12 points apiece.

Oakland Bittners 52 -- O.S.C. 56, Corvallis, Oregon, December 20, 1947.

Oregon State made it two straight over the invading Bittners with a 56-to-52 victory. This win gave the Orangemen a record of eight wins against one loss.

The Oaklanders gave the Beavers a much tougher battle than they did the previous evening, and the two quintets were tied at 48-48 with only four and a half minutes of playing time remaining. Oregon State went ahead with a free throw, but Don Barksdale scored to put the Bittners out front for the first time, 50-to-49. Len Rinearson tied the count at 50-all with a free throw. Alex Peterson then fired in a one-hander to put the Beavers ahead for good.

Oregon State was off to an early lead and held a comfortable 33-to-16 margin at the half. In the second half, however, the Orange attack seemed to hit a snag and after Paul Sliper and Cliff Crandall left the game on fouls, the Bittners quickly closed the gap.

Peterson led the Beaver scoring with 10 points, closely followed by Cliff Crandall and Dick Ballantyne with nine points and Norm Carey and Rinearson with eight points.

With the two surprising victories over the Bittners under their belts the Beavers had to look forward to two more rugged games against another strong A.A.U. team from California. The Sacramento Senators, like the Bittners, were loaded with ex-collegiate stars from all parts of the country.

Sacramento Senators 77 -- O.S.C. 60, Corvallis, Oregon, December 22, 1947.

The Sacramento Senators, in their northwest debut, hung a second defeat on the Oregon State Beavers as they rolled to a 77-to-60 victory. After the Orangemen had posted a 7-to-4 lead in the first three minutes of action, the Senators opened a bag of shots that left the Beaver defense almost useless.

The Orangemen were never in the game after about 10 minutes of play as the Californians' superior shooting started to take its toll. Sacramento ran up the highest score in history against an Oregon State team, amassing 32 field goals and 13 free throws for the 77 point total.

The Beavers tried hard to come back in the second half and managed to pull within five points, 55-to-50, with seven minutes to go.

Leading the Orange scoring were Cliff Crandall with 12, closely followed by Frank Roelandt who came through with 11 counters.

The game was rough from beginning to end with a total of 49 fouls being called. This was only five less than the Northern

Division record of 54 for two teams.

Sacramento Senators 57 -- O.S.C. 51, Corvallis, Oregon, December 22, 1947.

Oregon State's Beavers found the Sacramento Senators tough again as they lost their second straight game to the visiting A.A.U. quintet, 57-to-51, for their third loss in 11 starts.

The Beavers again had a slow first half as it took them six and a half minutes before Ernie Neal cracked the scoring column from the free-throw line. Halfway through the first half, the Orange were behind 13-to-3 but in the closing portion of the half the Beavers started finding their range and left the floor at half time trailing 27-to-21.

In the second half the Orange began to roll, coming out fast as Dick Ballantyne, Alex Peterson, and Ward Paldanius started hitting. After nine minutes had gone by O.S.C. had come within three points of the victors, 37-to-40. The Beavers continued to hold the gap to four points for five minutes, but the more experienced Senators unleashed their torrid scoring machine and pushing their lead up to a safe margin, held it there.

Roy Tamin, former University of California star, was the main cog for the visitors. Oregon State's scoring was handled mainly by three men. Cliff Crandall led with 12, but was closely followed by Peterson with 11 and Paul Sliper with 10. Paldanius and Ballantyne came next with seven points apiece.

With a record of eight wins and three losses the Oregon State

basketeers rested Christmas Day and boarded a train that night in Albany heading south to San Francisco and a two-game stand against Stanford University and the University of San Francisco in a double-header program in the famed San Francisco Cow Palace. The University of Nebraska made up the fourth team in the tourney.

After 11 games Oregon State's scoring was headed by Cliff Grandall who amassed 136 points for an average slightly over 12.3. Alex Peterson came next with 99 points. Others came in this order: Frank Roelandt 58, Dick Ballantyne 48, Norm Carey 42, Ernie Neal 35, Paul Sliper 31, Ken Storey 30, Ward Paldanius 25 and Len Rinearson 22.

Stanford University 53 -- O.S.C. 48, San Francisco, California,  
December 26, 1947.

The Beaver invasion of the San Francisco Bay Area began in a disappointing fashion as they lost to Stanford, 53-to-48, in an overtime contest. Oregon State battled into an overtime period before succumbing to the Indians. Behind 26-to-17 at the half the Beavers knotted the count at 45-all as the gun sounded but could not match the Indians' drive in the overtime. The game was sent into the extra period when Cliff Grandall snatched the ball from Stanford's Dave Davidson and scored the tying basket.

Oregon State's scoring was led by Ernie Neal and Grandall who registered 11 points apiece. Close behind was Paul Sliper with nine points.

University of San Francisco 44 -- O.S.C. 42, San Francisco, California,  
December 27, 1947.

Oregon State lost its second straight ball game when the University of San Francisco hung a 44-to-42 defeat on the Beavers.

The rough contest saw the Beavers have a tough time getting their offense going during the first half and it resulted in their trailing 15-to-26 at the end of the period. San Francisco's defense held the Orangemen to five field goals and five free throws.

The second half was a different story. The Beavers held the Dons to no field goals for the first eight minutes while O.S.C. moved within five points at 36-to-31. Baskets by Frank Roelandt and Alex Peterson brought the Orange within contention and in the last five minutes it became a brawl game. The Beavers were not able to catch the San Franciscans as the Dons refused their free throws and took the ball out of bounds to ball control the game out.

Oregon State's scoring was evenly distributed among all participating members with Frank Roelandt leading the way with 10 points. The closest to Roelandt was Cliff Crandall and Ken Storey with seven points apiece.

The University of California Golden Bears were the next opponents for the luckless Beavers, who had dropped their last four games. No let-up was in store for the Beavers as the Bears were considered a prime threat to replace U.C.L.A. as Southern Division champions.

Nibs Price, veteran California coach, had to leave Chuck

Hanger, star Bear forward, at home due to pressing law school examinations.

University of California 60 -- O.S.C. 55, Corvallis, Oregon,  
December 29, 1947.

With a seven point rally in the last five minutes, the California Bears handed the Beavers their fifth straight defeat.

The game was thrill-packed throughout with the lead changing 14 times and the score tied three times. During the first half the lead changed six times and the score was tied once after the Beavers ran up a quick 5-to-0 lead. Paul Sliper's free throw started a rally in the last minutes of the first half and brought the Orange from behind 24-to-28 to gain a 31-to-28 half-time advantage. Cliff Crandall was the main force, sinking three consecutive field goals.

Led by Andy Wolfe, the Bears knotted the count at 36-to-36 in the first three minutes of the second half. Dan Torrey, with a long shot, tied the score at 38-38 a minute later, after Cal's center, Jim Smith, pushed one in.

Oregon State went into the lead at 47-to-44 then again at 51-to-47 when California put on their spirited winning drive.

Crandall did his utmost to give the Beavers a victory as he put on the greatest scoring performance of his career and the best since Red Rocha hung up his Northern Division record of 38 points. Cliff's brilliant exhibition overshadowed the excellent play of the other basketeters. He scored 12 field goals and six out of seven gift shots for a 30-point evening.

Other scoring Beavers were Norm Carey with 12 and Dan Torrey with 10.

University of California 47 -- O.S.C. 63, Corvallis, Oregon, December 30, 1947.

Oregon State got back on the victory trail with a stunning 63-to-47 victory over the visiting Bears of California. Norm Carey and Cliff Crandall led the onslaught with 20 and 19 points respectively. California crept to a 30-to-28 half-time lead, but a Beaver outburst in the second half gave the home-courtiers a 45-to-39 bulge with nine minutes left in the game. From that point, the Beavers had upped their total to 56 while holding the Bears to only three points. As the Bears became desperate in their attempts to get the ball during the fading minutes, the Beavers swept down the floor through the loose Cal defense to widen the margin even more.

University of Portland 44 -- O.S.C. 48, Portland, Oregon, January 2, 1948.

Oregon State finished its preseason schedule with two victories against the University of Portland. The first encounter of the weekend series was a 48-to-44 triumph for the Beavers who led all the way although the Pilots outscored them in the last half, after the Staters held a 23-to-16 rest period margin.

Norm Carey, continuing the hot pace he had set in his last three starts, scored 17 points to lead the scoring. Cliff Crandall was next in line with 12 points.

University of Portland 54 -- O.S.C. 64, Corvallis, Oregon, January 3, 1948.

The Beavers made it three straight over the Portland Pilots with a resounding 64-to-54 triumph. The victory also closed out the preseason schedule for the Beavers and left them with an 11 won and 6 loss record.

The A.T. "Slats" Gill-coached hoopers needed only five minutes of the first half to roll to a decisive bulge on the scoreboard and once they broke away from a 12-12 deadlock were never again threatened.

At half time the Beavers were on the long end of a comfortable 32-to-22 score. Oregon State maintained its scoring punch as every man hit the basket with equal abandon, and rolled to a 20-point edge over the Pilots.

At this point, Gill pulled some of the varsity, sent the reserves scampering into the fray and the Pilots promptly took a new lease on life. Portland was able to cut the 20-point in half but that was as close as they came.

Again it was Cliff Crandall who led the Beavers in the scoring department as he scored 14 points. Dan Torrey was second on the scoring ladder with 12 points. Crandall led all scorers in the Northern Division for preseason games. He rang up a total of 229 points in 17 games.

The remaining Beavers scored in this order: Alex Peterson and Norm Carey 109 points, Frank Roelandt 75, Dan Torrey 68, Dick Ballantyne 64, Ernie Neal 59, Ken Storey 55, Paul Sliper 47, Jim Catterall

45, Ward Paldanius 29, and Len Rinearson 22.

### Conference Games.

Oregon State opened its defense of the Northern Division title against Washington State College in Pullman, Washington.

Washington State College 33 -- O.S.C. 49, Pullman, Washington,  
January 9, 1948.

Uncanny shooting in the first half, plus dominance of the backboards gave the Beavers their first victory of the new conference season, 49-to-33. Twelve minutes of the first half had gone by when the Beavers broke a 14-14 deadlock on a push shot from the side by Jim Catterall. This started Catterall off on a beautiful shooting exhibition in which he hit five long shots without a miss and put Oregon State into a comfortable half-time lead, 29-to-19.

The Beavers made 12 of 24 field goal attempts in the half, compared to the Cougar's seven out of 32.

Starting the second half 10 points behind, the Cougars cut the margin down to 35-to-30 in the first eight minutes. Then Oregon State's defense tightened, holding Washington State to one field goal and one free throw for the rest of the game.

Jim Catterall led all scorers with 13 points, all in the first half. Dan Torrey, who scored 12 points, and Norm Carey with 10, led the Beaver scoring in the second half.

Washington State College 38 -- O.S.C. 43, Pullman, Washington,  
January 10, 1948.

Oregon State made it two straight over Washington State with a 43-to-38 victory after coming from behind with a second half rally.

The Beavers weren't quite as phenomenal in their shooting as they were in the first game. As a result, the game was a see-saw affair that saw the Cougars holding a 24-to-21 advantage at half time. The Beavers came storming back to match the home town club after seven minutes of the second half had elapsed.

Cliff Crandall got the Beavers off to a good start in the second half as he scored a field goal off a tip-off play and closed the gap to 24-to-23. Ed Gayda scored for the Cougars but Dan Torrey immediately sank two one-handers and Ken Storey hit one as the Beavers went out in front 29-to-26 after three minutes. They were never again behind or tied as they displayed a spirited brand of play.

Leading the Beaver attack were Norm Carey, Storey, and Crandall who scored 10, 10, and 7 points respectively.

Alex Peterson, star Beaver forward and center, did not participate in either Cougar contest as he was left in Corvallis suffering from tonsillitis.

University of Idaho 47 -- O.S.C. 43, Moscow, Idaho, January 12, 1948.

The Beavers moved to Moscow, Idaho to continue their invasion of the Palouse country, only to have the University of Idaho hand them a 47-to-43 upset.

Oregon State trailed most of the way, although the score was tied nine times. Idaho led at the half 23-to-19.

Dan Torrey scored two quick field goals to open the second half and set the count at 23-all, and a minute later Cliff Crandall hit a long one to give the Beavers a momentary 25-to-24 advantage. Then Jack Phoenix, Joe Grove, and Wendall Christensen teamed to move Idaho ahead 43-to-39, but Jim Catterall and Dan Torrey dropped in close shots to tie the score with three minutes remaining.

Phoenix broke the deadlock with a minute to go and another field goal was added by Preston Brimhall to give Idaho their much deserved victory.

Torrey and Crandall scored 13 and 9 points respectively for O.S.C.

University of Idaho 39 -- O.S.C. 53, Moscow, Idaho, January 13, 1948.

The Beavers moved back into first place in the conference standings with a convincing 53-to-39 victory over the Idaho Vandals in the final game of the Inland Empire trip.

For the first five minutes of the contest it appeared to be another close battle all the way with first Oregon State scoring and then Idaho - the advantage continually jumping back and forth. Jim Catterall moved the Beavers ahead 9-to-8 with a long two-hander after six minutes of play. Cliff Crandall then took over and immediately scored two quick field goals, one when he stole Idaho's inbound pass after he had scored his first basket. Norm Carey followed with a lay-in giving the Orange a 15-to-8 margin after three minutes of fast action. The last ten minutes was all Oregon State and it resulted in the Beavers leading at half time 28-to-12.

The second half saw the Idaho Vandals come back fighting but unable to catch the Orange as Carey, Crandall and company kept an even pace of about 15 points in front.

It was speedy Carey's 18 points that led the way for the Beaver victory. The hot shooting guard scored 14 points of his total counters during the first period. Next to Carey came Crandall with 11 and Dick Ballantyne with 8.

Coach Gill was well pleased with the showing of his cagers on their Inland Empire tour but was somewhat disappointed that the "golden opportunity" to win four games was lost when Idaho slipped over a victory that first night.

The Beavers had two days to prepare for the first civil war contest of the season. Oregon State went into the contest an underdog as they could not match Oregon's height, experience, and pronounced scoring ability.

Alex Peterson, who missed the trip to Pullman and Moscow was not able to play against Oregon either. Peterson was convalescing after a severe attack of tonsillitis.

University of Oregon 42 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, January 17, 1948.

Oregon's Roger Wiley racked up 19 points to help the Oregon Ducks take over first place in the Pacific Coast Conference's Northern Division by defeating Oregon State 42-to-41 in a thrilling clash.

The game was a typical Oregon State - Oregon battle and in the

final analysis it was the inability of the Beavers to handle the 6'8" Wiley that gave the Ducks their win.

The game was close all the way with Oregon State leading by anywhere from one to five points most of the first period. At intermission it was 21-to-20 for the Beavers.

The Gillmen came back to mount the count to 25-to-20 but the Ducks slowly crept up and at the 11 minute mark in the second half took their first lead of the evening, a lead they thereafter did not relinquish.

Oregon was leading 42-to-39 with two minutes to go when Jim Catterall scored one to trim the lead to one point. There ensued a flurry of excitement when time-keeper Tom Ordeman shot the final gun 13 seconds too soon, but play was resumed and in the final seconds Catterall shot again but missed.

Catterall was the scoring leader for the Beavers as he scored 13 points on six field goals and one free throw. Cliff Crandall and Norm Carey had seven points apiece.

With 13 days before another contest the Beavers were getting a much needed rest from rugged competition which they had encountered since the beginning of the season. It also gave "Slats" Gill an opportunity to scout Washington at Seattle in their two victorious games with Oregon. Coach Gill called a closed practice, the first in his 20 years of coaching, to prepare for the important Washington series.

The Beavers' chances against Washington were bolstered when

Alex Peterson was cleared by team physician, Dr. Waldo Ball, for participation in the coming series. Cliff Crandall was also released from the college infirmary after spending two days fighting off a bad cold.

University of Washington 63 -- O.S.C. 71, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 30, 1948.

With Norm Carey leading the way the Beavers drew first blood in their crucial series with Washington, hitting their highest scoring pace of the season to whip the favored Huskies 71-to-63.

It was a touch-and-go affair for 10 minutes in this hoop titanic which kept 3,200 pro-Beaver fans on the edges of their seats throughout the contest. On six occasions in the first 10 minutes the two clubs were tied, then Norm Carey leading the attack, the Beavers went ahead and were in command throughout except in the closing moments when a band of Washington reserves suddenly got hot and trimmed their lead to three points, 66-to-63. The Beavers called time out, settled down and added the final five points of the game on a field goal by Cliff Crandall and three foul shots.

Carey, who never looked better in his court career, was high man in the scoring department, getting 10 baskets and two free throws for 22 points. Jim Catterall got an even 12 points and Dick Ballantyne came through with 10. Crandall turned in his usual great all-around game plus coming through with 11 points.

University of Washington 55 -- O.S.C. 74, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 31, 1948.

Oregon State moved into sole possession of first place with another surprising victory over the Washington Huskies 74-to-55. The unexpectedly potent Beavers now boasted five wins and two losses, good enough to place them a full game in front of Washington State College.

The Beavers were off to a fast start as they led 12-to-3 in the first five minutes of play with Dick Ballantyne and Jim Catterall finding the range early.

Washington never caught up, but with Sammy White and Andy Opacleh scoring they moved into contention midway through the opening half. The gap between the rivals was cut to four points at the 11 minute mark. From this point on to the end of the first half it was nip and tuck with Oregon holding a four point lead at the gun, 37-to-33.

Oregon State came back strong during the second half and again dominated the play as Cliff Crandall, Ballantyne, and Len Rinearson, put them 10 points ahead after five minutes of play. In the next five minutes the Huskies put on a spirited drive which at one time had closed the gap to 49-to-46, but again Crandall, Ballantyne, and Rinearson banded together and put Oregon State ahead 55-to-47 with nine minutes to go and the game ended in a walk-away as both coaches poured in substitutes.

Crandall turned in another one of his fine performances as he led his Beaver mates to victory with a 23-point output plus his usual

dazzling floor play and competent leadership. Sophomore Dick Ballantyne showed flashes of greatness as he scored 22 points on seven field goals and eight out of eight attempts from the free throw line.

Making his first appearance since reporting late for practice, due to football, was Don Samuel.

"Slats" Gill warned his squad to expect another rugged series in Seattle. The desperate Huskies were on the ragged edge in the Northern Division chase with four defeats and were determined to make a comeback on their home floor, Gill pointed out.

After four days of extensive practice sessions Slats Gill named a 12-man traveling squad for the trip to Seattle, Washington. It included Norm Carey, Cliff Crandall, Don Samuel, Ernie Neal, Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Paul Sliper, Jim Catterall, Dan Torrey, Dick Ballantyne, Frank Roelandt, Jack Detour, and manager Chuck Cole.

University of Washington 52 -- O.S.C. 26, Seattle, Washington,  
February 6, 1948.

The Beavers, a far cry from the team that defeated Washington twice in Corvallis went down to defeat before an aroused Husky horde, 52-to-26, to drop out of first place in the Northern Division court chase.

The Orangemen were ragged in both shooting and passing, far off their usual form. Forced to hurry their shots against the Washington zone defense, the Beavers sank only nine shots out of 54 attempts.

It took the Beavers five minutes before they scored their

first field goal and fell behind 23-to-12 at the half. During the second half the Beavers didn't improve their shooting while the Huskies kept up their first half tempo.

University of Washington 27 -- O.S.C. 23, Seattle, Washington  
February 7, 1948.

In a period of two days and two games the Oregon State Beavers dropped from the leadership position in the conference to third place as the result of a second defeat rendered by the Washington Huskies. The Beavers lost out 27-to-23 in a slow, ball-control type of game.

Through the first 20 minutes the Beavers were always close to the Huskies and went into the half trailing by two points, 12-to-10. Twice during the first half the Orange gained a lead, once at 2-to-0 and again at 3-to-2; but after that they trailed all the way.

Almost eight minutes had elapsed in the second half before the Staters got their first point and this one came on a foul shot by Cliff Crandall. Three more minutes ticked by before Dan Torrey scored, and at the 14 minute mark Crandall found the range from out front.

That was all until there were just about three minutes to go. Then Jack Detour scored on a free throw, and field goals by Dick Ballantyne, Norm Carey, and Alex Peterson brought the Beavers within range but the splurge came too late.

Crandall led all Beaver scorers with six points and was closely followed by Carey and Torrey who had five apiece.

Despite the Beavers' poor shooting against Washington, in their last series, they were leading the nation in the field goal percentage

with a .380 average as the result of connecting on 515 field goals in 1355 attempts.

The Idaho Vandals, much more dangerous than their cellar position would indicate, moved into Corvallis for a return two-game series with the third place Beavers.

The flu bug which had been prevalent on the Oregon State campus caught up with the Beaver basketball team again. This time the victim was Jim Catterall. Catterall's case was not serious and he was able to participate in the Idaho series.

University of Idaho 45 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, February 16, 1948.

Idaho again proved a stubborn foe as it forced Oregon State to stage a second half rally to gain a 52-to-45 victory and bounce back into a second place with the University of Washington.

A less than capacity crowd sat stunned through the first half when the Orange quintet put on their worst exhibition of the present season. It was 13 minutes before O.S.C. scored a field goal, Alex Peterson finally breaking the ice with a lay-in off a fast break. Five free throws and the fact that the Vandals missed quite a few shots themselves left the Beavers only seven points behind at 14-to-7 when Peterson scored. The ragged first half ended with Idaho ahead 20-to-16.

The second half saw Oregon State in the same "cold" game for six minutes before they finally caught up at 24-24 on Peterson's free

throw. Three successive free throws by Preston Brimhall gave Idaho its last lead, a field goal by Norm Carey and a fast break lay-in by Len Rinearson putting the Orange out in front by 30-to-29 after eight minutes and 10 seconds had elapsed. That was the first time the Beavers had been in front in 25 minutes but from there on out they pulled steadily away with everybody on the quintet contributing points.

Dick Ballantyne wound up with high point honors, making eight of his twelve points on free throws. Other potent scorers for the Beavers were Jim Catterall with nine points, Cliff Crandall had eight, Peterson seven and Norm Carey with five.

University of Idaho 44 -- O.S.C. 58, Corvallis, Oregon, February 17, 1948.

The Beavers moved into undisputed possession of second place with their second straight victory over the University of Idaho this time by a score of 58-to-44.

Oregon State grabbed a quick lead after a minute of play when Len Rinearson scored on a tip-in and 30 seconds later Cliff Crandall scored from the field. Idaho never held the lead throughout the evening. The Vandals came within one point of the Beavers six-to-five after five minutes of play, but Norm Carey, Rinearson and Crandall scored in quick succession and Idaho was never closer than five points throughout the remainder of the first half and went into the rest period down eight points at 28-to-20.

The Orangemen got off to another quick start in the second half as Paul Sliper and Crandall both hit with two quick field goals.

Idaho made a determined bid when Preston Brimhall and Wendall Christensen led a Vandal attack which cut Oregon State's 16 point lead to eight half way through the period.

With substitute Don Samuel leading the way Oregon State regained its composure and went on to the 14 point victory. Samuel scored 10 points after his entrance which greatly helped the Orange cause. Another substitute, Jack Detour, entered the ball game in the closing minutes and picked up two quick field goals.

Again it was Crandall leading the way with 13 points, followed by Samuel with 10. Carey and Rinearson also contributed heavily with nine and eight points respectively.

Another crucial week-end series was staring the Beavers in the face as they started preparing themselves for the tough University of Oregon Ducks. With only two days to get ready the Beavers went at this task in all seriousness with the big problem again being 6 foot 8 inch Roger Wiley.

Coach "Slats" Gill went into the contest with Cliff Crandall and Norm Carey at forwards, Len Rinearson at center, and Jim Catterall and Dick Ballantyne at the guards.

University of Oregon 58 -- O.S.C. 54, Eugene, Oregon, February 20, 1948.

The University of Oregon came through with its second straight victory over the title contending Beavers, 58-to-54. At the same time Washington was beating Washington State 55-to-50. That put those two

teams into a tie for first place, while Oregon State dropped a half game behind.

In a nip and tuck first half, Oregon started in front with a free throw, then dropped back for five minutes as Oregon State briefly swept in front. Oregon was ahead four times, Oregon State three, and three ties occurred before Oregon rallied in the final three minutes after the third tie and ran up a quick half-time lead of 31-to-26.

During the second half Oregon State struggled to overcome that five point Oregon lead, but never quite could. Again and again the Beavers fought up to within three points three times, two points twice and only one point once, but only to have Oregon then take over and forge out in front again.

At the 15-minute mark in this half, Oregon ran its lead up to eight points but another Oregon State rally quickly cut it to just two. This rally was sparked by three field goals, one by Alex Peterson and two by Cliff Crandall which cut Oregon's lead to two points with two and a half minutes left to play. But just as on every other occasion the Webfoots came back on field goals by Jim Bartelt and Stan Williamson which put them ahead six points with one minute remaining. Crandall hit with a field goal 20 seconds later, and except for matched free throws by both teams that was the end of the scoring.

High point man for the thrilling contest was Crandall with 16 points. Next to Crandall on the Beaver scoring ladder was Peterson with 13 points all scored in the second half.

University of Oregon 45 -- O.S.C. 50, Corvallis, Oregon, February 21, 1948.

On Saturday night, February 21, 1948, the Beavers posted their initial victory of the 1948 season over the Ducks and in so doing put themselves back in the thick of the penant race. The score was 50-to-45.

The first half of the rough and tumble contest was more of a foul shooting contest than anything else. Oregon State led at the half 20-to-17, thanks to their accuracy from the foul line as they stepped up for 20 attempts, making 14 good. Dick Ballantyne paced the Orangemen in the half, hitting for eight points, two on a field goal and six from nine attempts at the free throw line. During the half the clubs were tied four times at 2-2, 4-4, 8-8, and 11-11.

At the start of the second half Oregon immediately surged to a 25-to-22 lead, but the Beavers, led by Cliff Crandall and Len Rinearson, took over again and weren't headed the rest of the way. They led, 40-to-32, midway in the second half, only to have Oregon close to 42-to-41, but Jim Catterall came through on a free throw and that started the Beavers off again.

With less than three minutes to play, the Ducks closed to 47-to-45 but a free throw by Ballantyne sent the margin to 48-to-45, and Catterall dropped two more free throws just before the final gun.

In the point column it was Ballantyne leading the way with 14 points. Other point scorers were Alex Peterson nine, Rinearson and Dan Torrey seven, Norm Carey five, Crandall four, Catterall three, and

Paul Sliper one.

The Beavers came through the rough Webfoot series with nothing more than bumps and bruises and started looking forward to their important series with Washington State College.

Going into the series Washington State held down first place a half game ahead of the Orange and a sweep by either could assure them a tie for the championship. A split in the series would keep both clubs in the race but would be to Washington State's advantage as the Cougars had only five defeats.

Again, the Beavers were faced with a tough defensive problem in the person of Vince Hansen, 6'8" center of the Cougars.

Washington State College 49 -- O.S.C. 65, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 27, 1948.

The defending champions of the Pacific Coast Conference showed championship play in defeating Washington State 65-to-49 to put them on the top of the heap in the tight championship race.

Washington State started the evening's scoring when Vince Hansen caged the first field goal after only 15 seconds of play. Alex Peterson evened the count and Dick Ballantyne put the Beavers ahead with a lay-in on a fast break.

Thereafter the Orange held leads ranging from one to seven points throughout the first half finishing the period five points in front at 33-to-28. Ballantyne led the Beaver assault as he scored 13 points during the period.

The Cougars stayed in the contest the first ten minutes of the second half when they were always three to five points behind the Beavers and keeping the pressure on the Oregon State five all the time. At this point Dan Torrey set off a Beaver rally with a long one-handed push shot and in the next four minutes they shoved the score up from 49-to-41 to 56-to-41, and that was the ball game. The Cougars scored several times in the closing minutes but never threatened again.

Leading the Beavers in this important victory were Ballantyne and Crandall who scored 15 and 12 points respectively. Other scorers were Peterson and Rinearson with nine points apiece, Paul Sliper with eight, and Torrey and Catterall with six points apiece.

Washington State College 52 -- O.S.C. 58, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 28, 1948.

Oregon State clinched a tie for the Northern Division championship as a result of its 58-to-52 victory over the Cougars in the second game of the two-game series. The win put the Beavers a game and a half ahead of the pack with one more game against Oregon to play. Washington and Washington State were tied for second, each with two more.

With Captain Cliff Crandall leading the way, Oregon State jumped to a 21-to-7 lead with nine minutes gone in the game. Vince Hansen, 6'8" Cougar center, rallied the Cougars with a fine display of backboard and center play and by the end of the first half the Cougars had worked up to an eight point, 34-to-26, deficit.

The second half saw the Cougars come within three points of

the Beavers several times but could never quite catch the title hungry O.S.C. five. With two minutes remaining the Cougars put on their most spirited drive which resulted in their coming within two points of the Beavers at 53-to-51. Ed Gayda, Cougar forward, led the attack, but again the Orange came back as Alex Peterson and Norm Carey came through with field goals in the remaining forty seconds to sew up the Beaver victory.

Carey, playing the final home game of his career, helped the Beavers tremendously with his four second-half baskets and his total of twelve for the evening.

Crandall, though, led the Beavers in the scoring department with 14 points and Peterson tied Carey for second place with his total of 12 points.

Going into the last scheduled game of the season the Beavers were confronted with trying to clinch the Northern Division crown by beating their arch rival, the University of Oregon.

Oregon State Athletic Director, Spec Keene, announced that plans were laid for a one-game play-off on March 9, 1948 at the neutral McArthur Court, on the University of Oregon campus in the event the Beavers and Huskies finished in a tie.

In the final game of the season it was Cliff Crandall who topped all Beaver scorers with 154 points for an average of 10.3 points in conference play. This total gave Crandall fourth place in the Conference standings. Holding down ninth place in the conference standings and second place in the Beaver scoring race was Norm Carey

with 118 points.

University of Oregon 62 -- O.S.C. 44, Eugene, Oregon, March 6, 1948.

The Northern Division championship race ended in a tie between Oregon State and the University of Washington as a result of Oregon's overwhelming 62-to-44 victory over the Beavers. In the meantime Washington defeated Idaho which necessitated a play-off between Oregon State and Washington, scheduled for McArthur Court March 9, 1948.

During the first 10 minutes of play the game between the Beavers and Ducks was nip and tuck as the score was tied four times and at the 10 minute mark the Beavers had gained their first lead, 10-to-9, on Paul Sliper's field goal. Oregon immediately went back into the lead on Dick Wilkin's one-handed set shot and the Ducks never relinquished the lead.

After 18 minutes of play, Oregon led 25-to-14. At this point, Oregon State lost Cliff Crandall who went out with an injured knee. Oregon's 27-to-17 half-time lead merely set the stage for the second-half scoring spree.

The second half saw the Oregon Ducks continue their scoring led by Roger Wiley, Al Popick, and Stan Williamson. Popick opened the attack just after the period got under way. He scored three field goals in 45 seconds to put Oregon ahead 34-to-19 and at the four minute mark the Ducks held a 22-point margin, 41-to-19.

On several occasions the Beavers struck back with brief flurries but always the Ducks came back and regained what they had lost.

Cliff Crandall's injury was a serious one and a blow to the Beavers' chances. Crandall's injury was diagnosed as a torn ligament in his right knee. This meant he would definitely be out of the play-off game with Washington.

The Washington-Oregon State deadlock was the second in four years and the third since the northern division launched its 16-game schedule. In 1945 Oregon and Washington State deadlocked with Oregon winning the play-off game. In 1937 Oregon, Washington, and Washington State tied with Washington State the eventual winner.

The Beavers went into the play-off contest decidedly the underdogs when it was announced that Crandall could not play.

Replacing the high-scoring forward in the starting five was sophomore Dan Torrey. Slat Gill named Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Dick Ballantyne, and Norm Carey to go along with Torrey as the starting quintet.

University of Washington 59 -- O.S.C. 42, Eugene, Oregon, March 9, 1948.

The Washington Huskies claimed their tenth Northern Division championship with a convincing 59-to-42 triumph over the Oregon State Beavers.

Before a crowd of 7,000 Oregon State took an initial lead of 7-to-4 before the Huskies went into a rally in which they scored 14 points while the Staters were blanked. With Sammy White leading the way the Huskies went in at the half with a 10 point lead, 29-to-19.

Big Jack Nichols took over for the Huskies in the second half,

scoring 15 points. Oregon State never did threaten seriously and only the good one-handed shooting of Ward Paldanius kept the Beavers within a respectable distance.

For the Beavers the loss spelled the end of an interesting season, one in which they surprised the experts by being in title contention all the way. It was definitely a credit to Coach Slat Gill who, in the minds of many, worked a hoop miracle in bringing his charges that far.

Oregon State finished its season with a conference record of 10 wins and 7 losses and an overall season record of 21 victories against 13 defeats. In their 34 games the Beavers scored 1767 points and their opponents 1627 an average of 52-to-48.

In Conference play Cliff Crandall led the team with 159 points and scored 388 for the entire season. Norm Carey, graduating senior, was second in both categories, with 133 and 243 points respectively.

Final statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic records showed that Oregon State led all teams in shooting with a .367 percent. In addition, Alex Peterson led the nation in individual percentage with .467.

Cliff Crandall was the only Beaver to gain a place on the Pacific Coast Conference all-star team. He joined Chuck Hanger and Andy Wolfe of California, Jack Nichols of Washington, and Dave Minor of the University of California at Los Angeles. Crandall was also chosen for the first team on the Northern Division all-star teams.

Norm Carey and Dick Ballantyne gained berths on the second team all-Northern Division.

Award winners for the 1947-48 season were Dick Ballantyne, Norm Carey, Jim Catterall, Cliff Crandall, Ward Paldanius, Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Frank Roelandt, Don Samuel, Paul Sliper, Ken Storey, and Dan Torrey.

## 1948-49 Basketball Season

Preseason Prospects and Games.

Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill opened work-outs for the 1948-49 season with 12 lettermen from the team that tied Washington for the Northern Division championship. Back for their final season were Cliff Grandall, all-coast forward; Alex Peterson, Frank Roelandt, Dan Torrey, Jim Catterall, Dick Ballantyne, Len Rinearson, Paul Sliper, Tommy Holman, Ken Storey, Jack Detour, and Ward Paldanius.

Four transfers also answered the call. They were Ray Snyder, 6 foot 4 inch center from Marin Junior College in Kentfield, California, the national junior college champions; Ed Fleming, 6 foot 6 inch center from Santa Rosa Junior College in California; and a pair of guards from Grant Tech in Sacramento, California, Rick Erickson and Regis Hurley.

Five men up from the Rooks were considered varsity material. They were Bill Harper, Glen Kinney, George Grandall, Wally Johnson and Dick Hendrie. Another outstanding candidate was Harvey Watt, varsity reserve from the previous year.

After four weeks of practice Coach "Slats" Gill was still experimenting with various starting combinations for the opening pre-season game with Portland University. The only certainty as a regular was Cliff Grandall. Two days before this opening encounter the Beavers engaged in a 70 minute scrimmage with Lewis and Clark College. At the end of the first 40 minutes the Beavers had scored 70 points with everybody on the squad being used. The play of three newcomers to the

squad was very encouraging to Coach Gill. Showing well on defense were Glen Kinney, Ray Snyder and Ed Fleming. Kinney started at forward along with Alex Peterson, Ray Snyder at center, and Cliff Crandall and Tommy Holman at the guards.

For the opening game of the season Gill named an eleven-man traveling squad for the trip to Portland and Salt Lake City, to meet Portland University, Utah State College, and the University of Utah. Men making the trip along with Coach Gill were: Ray Snyder, Alex Peterson, Dan Torrey, Glen Kinney, Ed Fleming, Len Rinearson, Cliff Crandall, Jim Catterall, Tommy Holman, Dick Ballantyne, Bill Harper, Paul Valenti, assistant coach, and Howard Baldwin, student manager.

University of Portland 33 -- O.S.C. 43, Portland, Oregon,  
December 1, 1948.

The Beavers opened their 1948-49 season with a 43-to-33 victory over the Portland University Pilots. Both clubs showed early season raggedness but also showed flashes of good basketball.

Portland took command after the opening whistle and ran the count to 8-to-1 before Oregon State scored a field goal. Glen Kinney sparked a rally that carried the Orangemen to a 17-to-13 halftime lead.

The Beavers came back with a strong second half rally with Jim Catterall and Cliff Crandall leading the attack. It was these two who led the Beaver scoring parade as Catterall scored 13 points and Crandall 10. All eleven men on the traveling squad played.

Utah State College 38 -- O.S.C. 52, Salt Lake City, Utah,  
December 3, 1948.

The Beavers opened their week-end invasion of Salt Lake City with a 52-to-38 victory over the Utah State Farmers in the University of Utah field house.

In the first half both teams played a rough, fast, sharp-shooting brand of basketball. After deadlocks at one-all and three-all, the two teams traded leads until Oregon State ran a 7-to-6 advantage to 13-to-10 midway in the half. They battled neck and neck through the remaining part of the half with Oregon State gaining a halftime advantage of 29-to-26. In the half Oregon State led eight times, Utah State seven times, and the score was tied six times. Jim Catterall's long shots and tip-ins by Cliff Grandall and Ray Snyder did the damage.

Utah State cut the margin to one point, 33-to-34, soon after the second half opened. Then with Ed Fleming, Cliff Grandall and Jim Catterall connecting, the Beavers pulled ahead, 43-to-37, and kept on top throughout.

Leading the Beavers to their victory was Cliff Grandall with 14 points and Jim Catterall with 10.

University of Utah 53 -- O.S.C. 42, Salt Lake City, Utah, December 4,  
1948.

Oregon State ran into a smooth working University of Utah quintet and suffered a 53-to-42 defeat in their second intersectional clash of the year.

Utah went into an early lead and held it all the way as big Vern Gardner dominated both backboards and was the contest's high scorer with 12 points. The Utes led at the half, 23-to-17.

After the second half had been under way seven minutes the Beavers came closest to knotting the count when Ray Snyder's tip-in closed the gap to 32-to-30. The Beavers could not keep up their pace as the Utes came on to score 21 points in the last 11 minutes.

The only potent scorer for the Orangemen was Jim Catterall, who tallied 11 points. Next in line was Ray Snyder with seven points and Ed Fleming and Alex Peterson with five apiece.

The Beavers returned to Corvallis with a two-win and one-loss record, and started preparing for their next two contests against Willamette and Portland Universities.

Willamette University 40 -- O.S.C. 63, Corvallis, Oregon, December 10, 1948.

Oregon State opened their home schedule with a convincing 63-to-40 victory over Willamette University.

Playing a deliberate offense in the first half the Orangemen ran up 33 points and came back with a weaving offense in the second half to gain 30 points in a rough and tumble 20 minutes with reserves from both teams carrying much of the load. Leading the Beaver attack was Dan Torrey with 21 points and Cliff Crandall with 11.

University of Portland 53 -- O.S.C. 70, Corvallis, Oregon, December 11, 1948.

The Beavers improved their early season record to four wins and one loss as they defeated the University of Portland 70-to-53. It was the Beavers' second triumph over the Pilots.

The game was fast moving throughout with the score being tied on many occasions. Portland gave the Beavers a stiff battle in the first half but by half time the Beavers held a 37-to-31 lead. Cliff Crandall, Dan Torrey, Jim Catterall, and Glen Kinney led the Beavers during the period.

Two quick field goals by Kinney lengthened the Orange lead to 41-to-31 almost immediately after the second half started. From this point the Pilots regained their poise and drove back at full tilt to square accounts at 46-46 at the 11 minute mark.

Ray Snyder broke the deadlock with one of his favorite jump shots and the Beavers went on to score 10 straight points to win the contest. Along with Snyder it was Torrey, Catterall, and Crandall who led the Beaver onslaught which clinched the victory.

The Orangemen sank 27 field goals in 59 attempts for a .458 percentage. At the free-throw line they missed only a pair in 18 tries. Leading the Orange scoring parade was Catterall with 21 points, Torrey and Kinney with 13 apiece, and Crandall with 11.

Willamette University 41 -- O.S.C. 43, Salem, Oregon, December 14, 1948.

The Beavers' next encounter with Willamette University resulted in a close 43-to-41 victory for the Beavers.

The game, witnessed by 2500 fans, was nip-and-tuck all the way. After the lead changed hands three times in the early moments of the game, Willamette worked into a 10-to-5 lead and stretched this lead to 15-to-8. With Ray Snyder and Jim Catterall leading the way, the Beavers unfurled a rally and held the Bearcats scoreless for six minutes as the Orange took an 18-to-15 lead. Willamette then rallied and went into the intermission leading 19-to-18.

Willamette stayed out in front for the next  $10\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. This lead was never comfortable, however, as the Beavers always lagged just a few points behind, never more than six.

In the last five minutes, Oregon State turned a 36-to-41 deficit into its 43-to-41 victory. Alex Peterson's field goal made it Oregon State 38, Willamette 41. Dan Torrey scored with a left-hander and Peterson came back with another field goal to give the Beavers a 42-to-41 lead. Then Torrey sank a free throw for the final point.

Oregon State's heavy scoring was done by Cliff Crandall and Torrey, with 13 and 10 points respectively. Other leading scorers were Ray Snyder with six points and Peterson with five.

With four victories to their credit the Beavers were confronted with probably the stiffest competition of the preseason in the Oakland Bittners, number two basketball team in the nation's A.A.U. circles. The Bittner series was the first of four games in five days for the busy Beavers. The University of Wyoming was to follow the Bittners into town.

In addition to Don Barksdale, Morrie Silver, ex-Oregon State

star, and Les O'Gara, from last year's squad, the Bittners added some top flight new material headed by Chuck Hanger, all-coast forward from the University of California.

Oakland Bittners 45 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, December 17, 1948.

The Oakland Bittners needed all the experience they could muster to withstand a late Oregon State rally and come out victorious, 45-to-41. After trailing all through the first half and well into the second, the Orangemen suddenly came to life and tied the score at 31-all with three minutes and 38 seconds left to play on Cliff Crandall's field goal. Ten seconds later Chuck Hanger hit a field goal and the Bittners stalled out almost to the end. The Beavers got the ball once in that length of time but could not score. Don Barksdale, ex-UCLA all-Coast and All-American, hit an insurance basket with just seconds to play.

It was a toughie for the Orange to lose, as they fought an uphill battle all the way before they finally tied the score. They were beaten on the offensive board most of the time, and broke even on the defensive board.

The Beavers hurt their cause badly in the early part of the game when they fell behind 10-to-2. The Bittners scored on five of their first seven attempts while only Crandall could score for Oregon State.

Leading scorers for the Beavers were Ray Snyder with 11 points, Crandall with 8, and Jim Catterall and Alex Peterson with 7.

Oakland Bittners 52 -- O.S.C. 40, Corvallis, Oregon, December 18, 1948.

Oakland Bittners made it two straight over Oregon State with a convincing 52-to-40 win the following evening.

The contest wasn't decided until midway through the second half after a first half that ended deadlocked 23-all. Oregon State was ahead much of the time in the opening period. It was Cliff Crandall and Bill Harper who supplied the spark during the opening half.

In the second half the Orange came out strong with Crandall leading the attack and in five minutes had moved ahead 28-to-23. At this point the Bittners took over again and in one minute and 10 seconds were back with a one point lead. Oregon State threatened once more but could not cope with the Bittners' great experience.

Crandall was the Oregon Stater who kept them in contention. He tallied 18 points to lead all individuals in that department. The next highest Beaver scorer was Harper with six points.

For their next two games the Oregon Staters had to look forward to another sky scraper team in the University of Wyoming. Their starting lineup consisted of Loy Doty, 6'3", and Ron Livingston, 6'10" at forwards; Jerry Reed, 6'8" at center; and Keith Bloom, 6'3" and John Pilch, 6'5" at guards.

University of Wyoming 50 -- O.S.C. 55, Corvallis, Oregon, December 20, 1948.

Oregon State got back into the win column with a 55-to-50

victory over the University of Wyoming Cowboys.

It was a rugged contest throughout with five men leaving the game on personals as 53 fouls were called in the game.

The Staters went into a 6-to-1 lead at the start and then 13-to-5 at the five minute mark. Ray Snyder with four straight jump shots provided much of the early game punch. After the score was 20-to-15 for the Beavers they went into a slump and trailed the Cowboys at half time 26-to-28.

Oregon State in the second half rallied on the shooting of Jim Catterall, Ray Snyder, Dan Torrey, and Cliff Crandall, and immediately regained a permanent lead. Crandall had his second consecutive 18 point night but had to give away scoring honors to Wyoming's John Pilch, who totaled 20. Next to Crandall the Beavers most potent scorers were Snyder and Torrey who scored 11 and 9 points respectively.

University of Wyoming 53 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon, December 21, 1948.

The Wyoming Cowboys and Oregon State Beavers split their two game series as Wyoming came back with a 53-to-52 overtime win in the second contest.

Wyoming had led from the tip off and by half time were in front 29-to-27. This was widened to 38-to-33 then the Beavers tied at 41-all and again at 44 and during this rally they also gained their first lead of the game on Len Rinearson's free throw. The lead was short lived as Max Payton, Wyoming guard, scored a field goal and free throw for a 47-to-45 edge. A driving lay-in by Dick Ballantyne with 46 seconds left

in the regular playing time gained Oregon State a 47-47 deadlock.

As the overtime got underway John Pilch put Wyoming ahead with a field goal only to have Ballantyne add a foul shot and Ed Fleming's field goal put Oregon State ahead 50-to-49. The Staters roared into their longest lead of the game, three points, when Len Rinearson scored two free throws for a 52-to-49 count. But Arnie Flinn got a free throw and John Pilch gave Wyoming the victory on a field goal with 17 seconds to go.

Again it was Crandall who led the Beavers as he scored 15 points and played his usual great all-around game. Other potent scorers for the Orange were Alex Peterson with 9 points and Rinearson with 8 points.

With four tough games in five days behind them, the Beavers got a rest from the basketball wars until after Christmas when they participated in the Coast Conference tournament at the San Francisco Cow Palace.

The Cow Palace was billed for December 27, 28, and 30.

Leading the Beavers in scoring after the ten games played was Cliff Crandall with 122 points. Following Crandall in order were: Jim Catterall, 84; Dan Torrey, 73; Len Rinearson, 15; Bill Harper, 13; Dick Ballantyne, 10; and Harvey Watt, 2.

The Beavers boarded a train on Christmas night for San Francisco and the Pacific Coast Conference Tournament. The three California members of the Orange squad left early to spend Christmas at home and rejoined the club in San Francisco. They were Ed Fleming, Bill Harper, and Ray Snyder. Other members of the traveling squad were Captain Cliff Crandall, Alex Peterson, Jim Catterall, Tommy Holman, Dick

Ballantyne, Len Rinearson, Dan Torrey, Glen Kinney, Harvey Watt, Manager Howard Baldwin, Assistant Coach Paul Valenti, and Coach Slat Gill.

The Beavers opened the Pacific Coast Conference Tournament in an afternoon game against the University of Southern California. Oregon State along with Stanford University were named as favorites of the three-day tournament.

The four California schools completely outplayed four Conference northern division rivals in the first round of play at the Cow Palace.

University of Southern California 60 -- O.S.C. 40, San Francisco, California, December 27, 1948.

In losing to Southern California, the Beavers trailed all the way and were clearly out after the opening five minutes of the second half started. The Trojans led the Beavers 27-to-15 at half time.

Way off in their shooting the Beavers could only hit four times from the field in the first half. On top of all that the Beavers ran into injury trouble when Dan Torrey pulled his achilles tendon midway through the first half and Len Rinearson wrenched his back shortly after the start of the second half. Cliff Crandall played under a handicap also as he was recovering from a bout with influenza.

Lean Alex Peterson was the only Beaver hitting with any frequency as he led his teammates with 10 points. Closest to Peterson were Crandall and Snyder with six points apiece.

University of Washington 62 -- O.S.C. 64, San Francisco, California,  
December 29, 1948.

The Beavers came back into their own on the second day of the tournament when they defeated the University of Washington 64-to-62 in a thrilling contest.

A physically improved Cliff Crandall and the accurate shooting of Ray Snyder gave Oregon State the needed power for their fine victory over the defending Pacific Coast Conference champions.

It was a point for point match through the first half with the score knotted nine times and the Beavers closing with a 34-to-33 lead on a seconds to go basket by Snyder.

In the second half, Crandall, Holman and Snyder caging baskets, with Holman once getting three in a row, the Beavers moved steadily ahead and at the halfway mark were leading 52-to-44.

At this point the Huskies suddenly snapped to life and in a great rally not only caught the Beavers but with about three minutes to go actually went ahead, 62-to-61, Sammy White and LeDon Henson sparked the rally.

Holman came right back with a lay-in basket for the Staters and Harvey Watt scored on a free throw to give the Beavers their well-earned victory.

Oregon State's scoring was dominated by Snyder, Holman, and Crandall as they scored 18, 15, and 12 points respectively.

University of California at Los Angeles 58 -- O.S.C. 62, San Francisco,  
California, December 29, 1948.

With a day's rest under their belts the Beavers resumed their court activity with a 62-to-58 victory over the Bruins of U.C.L.A. This victory gave the Beavers the consolation championship.

The two teams matched point for point through the opening parts of the first half. The Beavers finally broke away from an 18-to-18 tie at four minutes and went into a 33-to-26 half-time lead sparked by Alex Peterson's three baskets.

Slats Gill's men picked up the pace early in the second half and increased their margin to 59-to-34 late in the second half, but the Bruins suddenly began a terrific rally that almost won them the decision. With only a few seconds to play and the count 60-to-58 for O.S.C., Len Rinearson sneaked through to take a pass from Cliff Crandall and drop an easy lay-in to ice the contest.

Again it was three men who dominated the scoring for Oregon State. Leading was Peterson with 19 points followed by Crandall with 13 and Snyder with 10.

Cliff Crandall was honored with being named to the tournament all-star team at a guard position.

University of Portland 45 -- O.S.C. 61, McMinnville, Oregon,  
January 3, 1949.

The final preseason game for the Orange was against the University of Portland at the McMinnville Armory and it resulted in a 61-to-45 victory for the Beavers.

The win brought the preseason schedule to an end and gave the Beavers a record of 9 wins and 5 losses.

The scoring in the fourteen games was dominated by Cliff Crandall who amassed a total of 171 points. Other scorers in order were: Ray Snyder, 99; Jim Catterall, 86; Dan Torrey, 75; Alex Peterson, 74; Glen Kinney, 53; Ed Fleming, 47; Tommy Holman, 43; Dick Ballantyne, 30; Len Rinearson, 24; Bill Harper, 13; and Harvey Watt, 13.

Oregon State opened its 1949 Northern Division basketball season against the University of Washington at Seattle, Washington.

Orangemen named by Slat Gill to make the trip were Captain Crandall, Peterson, Ballantyne, Catterall, Kinney, Snyder, Holman, Fleming, Rinearson, Harper, Watt, Torrey, and Manager Baldwin.

Although Dan Torrey made the trip it was doubtful he would play because of his still sore achilles tendon.

University of Washington 50 -- O.S.C. 52, Seattle, Washington,  
January 7, 1949.

A crowd of 9,000 braved icy weather to see the Conference opener and an Oregon State victory, 52-to-50, over the Washington Huskies.

Through the first half the backboard work of Alex Peterson and Ray Snyder, and the passing and shooting of Cliff Crandall and Tommy Holman kept the Beavers safely in front and at one time the Beavers had a 27-to-13 bulge. At the end of the half Oregon State was leading 29-to-21.

The second half saw a much closer ball game when at the outset the Beavers went through a period of six minutes when they could only score one field goal and two free throws. Meanwhile the hometowners

had found the range and almost before the Orangemen knew what was going on the Huskies were breathing down their necks.

The 9,000 fans scented the prospect of the Huskies catching the Beavers, but the Orange led by Cliff Crandall and Tommy Holman, again opened up and went into an apparently safe lead at 40-to-32. But the Huskies still were not through as they closed the gap to two points, 45-to-43. A Washington field goal followed a free throw by Holman cut the Beavers' lead to one point, 46-to-45.

The tide finally turned in the closing minutes when Harvey Watt scored on a rebound off of Holman's howitzer and then Holman followed with a lay-in after taking a perfect pass from Crandall.

Washington got a pair, too, in the hectic moments but it just wasn't in the cards for them to catch up.

Captain Crandall again led his teammates to victory as he scored 15 points and played his usual great all-around game. Holman followed Crandall in the scoring department with 11 points. Other high scorers were Snyder with 7, Peterson, 6; and Watt and Kinney with 5 points apiece.

University of Washington 54 -- O.S.C. 43, Seattle, Washington,  
January 8, 1949.

The Huskies evened the count on the following night when they decisively beat the Beavers 54-to-43.

Washington took over at the start of the game as they quickly ran the count from 4-to-3, to 11-to-6.

Oregon State had difficulty cracking the tough Washington defense, and it was only through the scoring efforts of Glen Kinney that the Beavers stayed in the game. Kinney scored all of the Beavers' field goals in the first half plus five charity tosses. The Beavers trailed 20-to-30 at the half.

Oregon State whittled the 10-point margin down to eight points when Ray Snyder launched the second half with a quick basket, but from then until the end of the game the Huskies had the battle under full control, maintaining an eight-to-ten-point lead most of the time.

The Beavers had a bad time with the officials as four of the five starters fouled out before the end of the game. Missing when the final gun sounded were Kinney, Crandall, Snyder, and Holman.

Kinney was high for the contest with a total of 18 points. He scored his total on six field goals and six free throws. Dick Ballantyne came next with 8 points and all from the free-throw line.

Upon their return from Seattle the Beavers had a full week to prepare for the invasion of the Idaho Vandals.

The Beavers added a newcomer to their squad when Rudy Ruppe, quarterback on the football team, turned out with hopes of helping the Beavers. Ruppe played freshman basketball but did not turn out his sophomore year.

Practice during the week stressed offense, with the hope of overcoming the lack of scoring punch which was evident in the second Washington game. Considerable time was spent covering defensive measures for slowing down Idaho's two potent guards, Preston Brimhall

and Joe Grove, and center Nick Stallworth.

University of Idaho 31 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, January 17, 1949.

Idaho went down to its third straight defeat as Oregon State took the series opener 42-to-31.

It was Oregon State's veteran captain, Cliff Crandall, who led the Beavers to their ball control victory. Crandall led all scorers with 16 points.

The game, especially in the first half, was played at a very slow tempo. After five minutes of play the score was tied at 3-all when Glen Kinney started an Oregon State advance by hitting a one-hander from the key. There never was what could be called a rally with play so deliberate, but gradually Oregon State pulled out to an 18-to-10 count at half time.

Play speeded up somewhat in the second half as Idaho started a comeback. With Nick Stallworth and Bob Pritchett leading their attack, the Vandals at the 11 minute mark had cut the Beaver lead down to five points.

Idaho fouls and resulting Oregon State free throw opportunities were the turning point. A foul was called on Joe Grove against Cliff Crandall, and the latter hit both shots. Another foul by Preston Brimhall gave Ed Fleming two shots, and he also hit both. This increased the Beavers' lead to nine points, and the score never got closer than that.

Oregon State's scoring, except for Crandall's 16 points, was spread out amongst nine men with the highest being six points.

University of Idaho 53 -- O.S.C. 69, Corvallis, Oregon, January 18, 1949.

The second night of action saw the Orangemen come from behind in the second half to defeat the Vandals 69-to-53.

Coach Slat's substitution of Alex Peterson as the second half opened was the mark that set off an Oregon State drive. Going in to the second half trailing 28-to-30, Peterson scored a field goal within one minute and in the next six minutes had added four points more while teammates Glen Kinney and Dick Ballantyne were helping.

When the spurt was over at the eight minute mark, Oregon State was leading 48-to-37 over the disheartened Vandals.

The first half action saw the Vandals shooting at a .550 mark as they fired 20 shots and saw 11 of them made good. Oregon State stayed with the Vandals on the fine work of Kinney, Crandall, and Fleming. Crandall scored 12 points, Kinney 10, and Fleming 6 in that torrid first half.

The Beavers' blazing victory established them in the second place in the Northern Division race with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss.

Final individual scoring total for the contest was as follows: Kinney, 15; Crandall, 13; Fleming, 10; Peterson, 10; Ballantyne, 8; Snyder, 7; and 2 apiece for Catterall, Rinearson, and Holman.

Oregon State's next opponent was the University of Washington

in a two-game series at Corvallis.

Orange hopes for the series suffered a stiff blow when big Ed Fleming ruptured a blood vessel and sprained his ankle severely in a scrimmage session. Taking his place in the starting lineup was Harvey Watt, surprising sophomore, with Paul Sliper ready to relieve him.

Partially offsetting Fleming's loss was the return to top form of Dan Torrey after his long siege with a sprained achilles tendon.

University of Washington 44 -- O.S.C. 54, Corvallis, Oregon, January 28, 1949.

The Beavers took a firmer grip on second place in the Northern Division race by taking the opening game from Washington 54-to-44.

Oregon State took an opening lead and built it to a 14-to-6 margin in eight and a half minutes. Twice in the first half Washington battled into a tie but not once could the visiting Huskies manage to take the lead.

The first tie was at 18-all when Washington's Bill Vandenberg and Sammy White scored field goals. Alex Peterson promptly put Oregon State in front again with a shot from the corner.

Washington tied again at 20-all, but again the Beavers came right back and went ahead, this time on Cliff Crandall's lay-in basket. Ray Snyder immediately followed with another to make it 24-to-20 for the Staters at the half.

In the second half Washington made a challenge after five minutes of play when they pulled within two points, 28-to-30. At

this point Watt began hitting and in the next few minutes he sank three field goals and a free throw. This rally was the turning point. The Huskies could not get within five points thereafter.

The game was full of fouls - a total of 52. Four players, three of them Beavers, Kinney, Watt, and Torrey were ejected. Washington was called 28 times and Oregon State 25.

Oregon State's scoring was evenly spread out among all participants. Leading the group was Watt with 10 points. Following in order were: Dick Ballantyne, 9; Cliff Crandall, 7; Len Rinearson and Torrey 6 apiece; Alex Peterson and Kinney 5 apiece; Paul Sliper, 4; and Snyder, 2.

University of Washington 45 -- O.S.C. 49, Corvallis, Oregon,  
January 29, 1949.

Oregon State pulled into a tie with Washington State for the lead in the Coast Conference Northern Division by defeating the Washington Huskies, 49-to-45. The win also gave the Beavers the four-game series three-to-one.

The Beavers led through much of the early part of the game, but faded just before the half, and Washington held a 26-to-22 margin at the intermission.

Washington maintained their slim lead through much of the second half and with eight minutes to go were in front 41-to-38. At this point Oregon State made their bid, starting with a field goal by Ray Snyder which closed the gap to one point. With less than six minutes remaining, Dick Ballantyne scored to give the

Staters a 42-to-41 lead.

The Beavers were never headed after that, although Washington threatened. Snyder increased the Beaver margin to two points with a free throw, but LeDon Henson, Washington forward, got a tip-in to tie it at 43-all. At once Snyder scored, but Sammy White, Washington's ace, countered for another deadlock at 45-all. Then with 3:45 minutes remaining Alex Peterson scored to make it 47-to-45 and a minute later the Beavers began stalling.

The Huskies began fouling, trying to get the ball, and first Peterson and then Ballantyne scored on free throws to give the Staters their final margin.

Washington actually out-shot the Beavers from the floor as they connected for 21 field goals to 18 for Coach Slat's Gill's fighting quintet. But from the free throw line Oregon State added 13 points while Washington was able to pick only a meager three.

Leading in the scoring department in this important victory was Ballantyne with 13 points. Other potent scorers were Cliff Crandall with 8 points, Peterson, 7; Harvey Watt, 6; and Paul Sliper and Ray Snyder, 5 points apiece.

With their record of five wins and one loss the Beavers headed for the dreaded Inland Empire jaunt where they opened against the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho. After the two-game series at Moscow the Beavers moved over to Pullman, Washington, to take on the co-leaders, Washington State College.

Coach Slat's Gill named an 11 man traveling squad for the

important road trip. They were Cliff Crandall, Jim Catterall, Bill Harper, Dick Ballantyne, Glen Kinney, Tommy Holman, Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Ray Snyder, Dan Torrey, and Harvey Watt. Missing from the group was Ed Fleming whose ankle was still not in playing condition.

University of Idaho 51 -- O.S.C. 39, Moscow, Idaho, February 4, 1949.

Oregon State ran into a determined bunch of Idaho Vandals in the series opener and went down to defeat 51-to-39. It was the second straight upset win registered by the Vandals as they defeated Washington State in their previous outing.

A capacity crowd of 4500 fans watched the Beavers being dislodged from their first place tie with Washington State.

The first half was a slow moving contest, Idaho's strategy being to slow play down and keep the ball. It paid off, though Idaho took 22 shots and hit only eight baskets; Oregon State on the same number in this half sank four. Idaho caged six free throws, while the Orange sank only one on four fouls.

Only Ray Snyder was hitting at all for the Beavers. He had three field goals.

Using a tough full-floor defense to start the second half with Harvey Watt, Tommy Holman, Ray Snyder, Bill Harper, and Cliff Crandall hitting successive field goals, Oregon State closed the gap to six points at 39-to-33 with five minutes left in the game.

With Nick Stallworth leading the way, Idaho solved the full-floor defense and ran the lead up to ten points and safely ahead again.

The Vandals, in their victory, connected on 19 field goals in 37 attempts while the Beavers connected only 15 of 57 shots.

High point honors for the Beavers were shared between Snyder and Alex Peterson as they scored 8 points apiece.

University of Idaho 35 -- O.S.C. 47, Moscow, Idaho, February 5, 1949.

Oregon State evened the series with a well-earned 47-to-35 win over Idaho.

Coach Chuck Finley had his Vandals employing another slow-breaking, ball control offense but the Beavers' full-floor checking made things difficult for Idaho's ball handlers.

The first half was nip and tuck. Speedy Bill Harper twice dribbled around Joe Grove for lay-ins and Alex Peterson hit a one-hander as Oregon State jumped into an early six-to-one lead. Idaho came back hard and closed the gap to one point, eight-to-nine, only to have Peterson and Dick Ballantyne move the Beavers out in front again at 14-to-9.

With the count 18-to-11 against them, the Vandals launched a comeback which brought them into a tie at 19-all.

Just before the half-time intermission, Peterson flipped in a field goal and a free throw to give Oregon State a 22-to-19 lead at half time.

The Staters, with Glen Kinney and Harper doing most of the point gathering, took firm command early in the second period. By the time 10 minutes had been played, the Beavers held no less than an 11 point lead at 37-to-26. With Ballantyne and Kinney doing most of the

scoring, the Beavers managed to stay well out in front the rest of the way.

Leading the Orange scoring parade was Peterson with 14 points, closely followed by Ballantyne with 11. Kinney and Harper were close behind with 8 and 9 points respectively.

With one day's rest, the Beavers moved over to Pullman to take on the league-leading Washington State College Cougars.

Washington State College 47 -- O.S.C. 41, Pullman, Washington,  
February 7, 1949.

Pace setting Washington State added to their league lead with a 47-to-41 victory in the first game of the crucial series.

With Bob Gambold and Ed Gayda leading the way, the Cougars took an early lead and never let it go. The home five had a 24-to-21 intermission advantage.

Oregon State closed the gap to 26-to-24 early in the second half, but Ed Gayda caught fire and pulled the Cougars into a safe lead.

Cliff Crandall, who topped both teams with 13 points, Len Rinearson and Jim Catterall managed to stave off a rout in the closing minutes of play.

Oregon State started the ball game with a zone defense, mainly to keep Ed Gayda under control. It worked pretty well on Gayda but Bob Gambold sneaked through to hit three baskets and help keep the Cougars in front. Slat Gill pulled his team out of the zone whenever Washington State inserted their second platoon.

Jim Catterall, who scored eight points, followed Crandall as

the Beavers' second high scorer.

Washington State College 34 -- O.S.C. 42, Pullman, Washington,  
February 8, 1949.

The Beavers kept their flag hopes alive through a 42-to-34 victory over the Washington State Cougars in their second game.

Coach Elats Gill shuffled his lineup and the result was a pepped-up band of basketball players. The starters were: Cliff Crandall and Glen Kinney at forwards; Len Rinearson at center, and Dick Ballantyne and Bill Harper at guards.

After the teams swapped early baskets, Oregon State ran out to a 10-to-6 lead, but it was short lived. Washington State rallied to gain a tie at 12-all and the teams traded baskets to tie at 15, 17, and 19-all. Crandall broke the tie and Oregon State went ahead 21-to-19. Harper scored a field goal from outside to make it 23-to-19, and each team connected on a free throw to close the first half scoring with the Beavers leading 24-to-20.

Washington State rallied in the second half and closed the gap to one point in mid-period, 29-to-30.

They were unable to sustain the pace, however, and the hustling Beavers pulled away. The Beavers' Len Rinearson was a big factor in the last-minute surge that gave the Beavers a substantial lead. Rinearson scored six of Oregon State's final nine points. Washington State briefly cut the lead to three points with three minutes to play, but field goals by Rinearson and Glen Kinney wrapped up the contest.

Crandall, Beaver star, was hurt in the last two minutes of

play after playing a brilliant floor game besides scoring 11 points. He was taken to the hospital where a physician said his injury was a "temporary dislocation of the left kneecap" which had adjusted itself.

Sharing the scoring honors with Crandall was Harper, also with a total of 11 points. Next in line came Kinney with 9 points, and Rinearson with 6.

Nearly two days late the Beaver basketeers finally arrived in Corvallis. Icy slick roads and snow-piled rails delayed the travel-weary Beavers. Trainer Bill Robertson was put to work when a rock slide hit the train, breaking several windows and lacerating a woman passenger's arm. Robertson dressed the wound.

Both individual and team scoring suffered on the road trip, with all four contests more defensive than offensive in nature. In the four games the Beavers scored 169 points and the opposition 167.

Cliff Crandall came out of his scoring slump to score 24 points against the Cougars and raised his total to 95 points in ten games. Following Crandall in the Conference scoring after ten games were Glen Kinney with 64 points; Dick Ballantyne, 60; Alex Peterson, 56; Ray Snyder, 42; Harvey Watt, 33; Bill Harper, 28; Tommy Holman, 25; Len Rinearson, 22; Ed Flemming, 16; Dan Torrey, 13; Jim Catterall, 12; Paul Sliper, 9; and Rudy Ruppe, 2.

Washington State invaded Corvallis for a two-game series with the Beavers which was billed as a fight for the championship of the

Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference. A sweep by either the Beavers or the Cougars would leave the championship door wide open for either one of the two clubs. Oregon State's chances were brightened when Cliff Crandall was cleared for action.

Washington State College 47 -- O.S.C. 52, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 12, 1949.

The Beavers gained in the race to the championship when they defeated Washington State 52-to-47, in the first game of the two-game series. The victory put the Orange one game ahead of the Cougars.

The game started with a ball control brand of basketball as each team was very deliberate in all their maneuvers. Dick Ballantyne sank a long one-hander to open the scoring and the Beavers led by small margins with Ed Gayda's free throw with nine minutes of the period remaining bringing a 12-all tie.

Bill Harper's set shot put Oregon State ahead again, but Tiny Arndt's swing shot shortly after gave the Cougars their first lead and the score see-sawed through the rest of the period, free throws accounting for most of the scoring on each side. At the intermission the score was deadlocked at 19-all.

The second half started with Len Rinearson putting the Orange ahead 21-to-19, 45 seconds after play opened. With Ed Gayda, Washington State's great forward and center, scoring at will, the score was tied five times and the lead changed hands six times before Harper, on two free throws, put Oregon State ahead 31-to-29 with 13 minutes remaining. This gave the Beavers a lead that never was lost the rest of

the way.

Coach Slat's Gill didn't match Jack Friel's unit substitution system although he did use plenty of alternates. Actually the Cougar reserves did better than the regulars, scoring 12 points to 13 for Oregon State while they were in the game.

Oregon State shot well for their evening's work, firing only 41 times and making 17 good, an average of .405. Washington State wasn't far behind with a respectable .378 on 17 field goals in 40 attempts.

Leading the Orange in scoring was Cliff Crandall with 14 points despite having to perform with a heavily bandaged knee. Harper was right behind Crandall with a total of 12 points. Ballantyne turned in a good night's work as he scored 9 points.

Ed Fleming, Beaver center, missed his seventh game due to his badly sprained ankle.

Washington State College 42 -- O.S.C. 51, Corvallis, Oregon,  
February 19, 1949.

Oregon State boosted its division lead by two full games when they defeated the Washington State Cougars 51-to-42.

The game started out in a slam-bang manner in which the lead changed hands seven times. Washington State's Ed Gayda scored the first four points of the game, but Bill Harper and Dick Ballantyne scored to tie the game and Cliff Crandall and Ballantyne again scored to make the score Oregon State 11, Washington State 7 after nine minutes of play. Ed Gayda, then getting some help from Bob Gambold,

finally tied the score at 14-all and again at 16-all. Ron Button, W.S.C. center, scored on a tip-in for the Cougars' second lead, and it was back and forth until with one minute and 52 seconds to go in the half, Gayda scored to give Washington State a four-point lead. Alex Peterson's left-handed swing shot just before the gun trimmed it to two points, 29-to-27.

Gayda started the second half as he did the first by pushing Washington State's lead to 31-to-27, then to 32-to-29 before Crandall scored on two swing shots to give the Beavers a 33-to-32 edge. The score changed two more times in the racing action before both coaches sent in fresh squads. Oregon State went ahead to stay with Jim Catterall's long shot from the side making the score 37-to-36. Crandall followed Catterall's shot by stealing the ball and dribbling the length of the court for a push shot from the key. Ray Snyder scored on a jump shot and Ballantyne sank two successive free throws to run the count to 43-to-36. During this period Snyder, Beaver center, did a great defensive job on Gayda, slowing him down considerably.

Catterall's shot, which put the Beavers ahead, 37-to-36, came with 11 minutes and 37 seconds remaining to play. Washington State broke under the pressure and from then until the end of the game made one field goal.

Crandall again paced the Beavers with 14 points, while Ballantyne and Snyder followed with 12 and 7 points respectively.

As a result of the two victories, the Beavers went into their last four games, all against the University of Oregon, needing only a

split to assure themselves of a tie, provided the Cougars did not win all of their remaining four games.

Going into the four game "Civil War" series against the University of Oregon, Cliff Crandall was still the Beavers' leading scorer. His total for the Conference was 123 points and 294 points for the season.

University of Oregon 61 -- O.S.C. 54, Eugene, Oregon, February 25, 1949.

The University of Oregon drew first blood in the important series when they defeated Oregon State 61-to-54.

Oregon did it with two scoring spurts. The first came at the game's outset when the Ducks ran up a ten-point lead, 12-to-2, before the Beavers got their attack rolling. It was here that Alex Peterson entered the contest and along with Cliff Crandall started a Beaver drive over the last ten minutes of the half which eventually gave the Beavers a slim one-point advantage at the half.

Oregon State came out matching Oregon almost point for point early in the second half, but Oregon managed to command a 36-to-34 edge as two minutes appeared on the clock. At this point Oregon made its second spurt of the game and rolled up a 48-to-35 lead at 12 minutes when Oregon State called time out. During this spurt the Ducks held the Beavers scoreless from the field for six minutes.

Roger Wiley, 6'8" Oregon center, did the damage during the spurt by dominating the scoring and the backboards. Oregon was never

in serious trouble after this, although Oregon State narrowed the gap to six points with six minutes to go.

Individual scoring honors for the Orangemen went to Crandall and Bill Harper who scored 13 and 10 points respectively. Other leading point makers were Dick Ballantyne with seven points and Ray Snyder and Peterson with six points apiece.

Thanks to the Idaho Vandals the Beavers still held a two-game lead over Washington State and the University of Oregon. Idaho defeated the Cougars 39-to-31 in the first of their two-game series.

University of Oregon 38 -- O.S.C. 42, Corvallis, Oregon, February 26, 1949.

The Beavers cinched at least a tie in the title race for the Northern Division championship by defeating the Oregon Ducks 42-to-38. The victory also eliminated Oregon from title consideration. Washington State, however, stayed in the race by measuring Idaho at Pullman, Washington, 55-to-37.

Oregon State's victory ran the Oregon State College consecutive home-court Conference win string to 14.

Coach Slat Gill flung a tight zone at the Webfoots and at the same time played a deliberate ball control offense.

Oregon's John Warren countered with a zone of his own when his first five were in the game, turning to man-to-man when his reserves were on the floor.

In contrast to the previous night's game, Oregon State took a definite command after nine minutes had been played and held the lead

the rest of the way. At the half they were six points in front, 23-to-17. Oregon once trimmed this to two points in the second half, and several times to four, but never came closer.

The Beaver field goals were few and far between in the last period, only four to be exact, but Oregon made only six. Cliff Crandall boosted the lead to 25-to-17 a half minute after the second half started, by scoring on a short shot, and followed a minute later with a free throw. Paul Sowers countered for Oregon but two successive field goals by Alex Peterson raised the count to 33-to-25 for the Orangemen, their biggest lead.

From that point, with 11 minutes still to go the Beavers didn't get another field goal until Dick Ballantyne caged a running hook shot a minute before the final gun.

Again it was Crandall who led the Staters in the scoring department as he came through with 13 points. Other scorers were Bill Harper with seven points, Harvey Watt and Alex Peterson with six apiece, Paul Sliper with five, Ballantyne, three; and Glen Kinney with two points.

University of Oregon 72 -- O.S.C. 79, Eugene, Oregon, March 4, 1949.

Before 7,326 limp customers Oregon State College won the Northern Division championship with a thrilling double-overtime victory over the University of Oregon. The score was 79-to-72. The game was one of the most sensational ever played between the two clubs over the years.

As it turned out, the Beavers really didn't need to win, for Washington made sure the Beavers would be champions by nudging Washington State 51-to-46.

The Beavers' captain, Cliff Crandall, had the greatest night of his Conference career, scoring 29 points and keeping the Orange in the game for some 35 minutes.

Few of the fans witnessing the contest would have given the Beavers half a chance when the clock showed 59 seconds to play and Oregon 60-to-55.

Everybody had given up but the team and particularly Tommy Holman. With thirty-five seconds remaining Oregon State got the ball and Tommy Holman scored a two-handed howitzer which cut down Oregon's lead to three points, 60-to-57. Ten seconds remaining and Roger Wiley took the ball out of bounds after the basket. He whirled and threw it into the court, right into the hands of Holman who scored on a lay-in and brought the Beavers within one point, 59-to-60. On the play he was fouled by John Neely. Two seconds showed on the clock as Holman stepped to the foul line. Without hesitation Tommy stepped to the line and the game was tied at 60-all, necessitating an overtime.

The first overtime packed as many thrills as one could witness in many full-time games.

Oregon's Bob Lavey hit a pair of free throws, which Alex Peterson cancelled with a field goal from the side. Jim Bartlet put the Ducks ahead again with a free throw only to have Bill Harper move Oregon State ahead again with a jump shot. Neeley's free throw tied the score.

Wiley put Oregon back in the lead when he hit one of two free throws on a foul by Harper. Harper came right back with another jump shot field goal to make it 66-to-65 for the Beavers. This time Peterson fouled Wiley, and he had another pair of free throws. Both his attempts missed, but he grabbed the rebound and scored from the top of the key, 67-to-66 Oregon.

In a scramble under the basket Len Rinearson emerged with the ball and laid it in for another Oregon State lead, 68-to-67. The lead was boosted to two points when Crandall scored on a foul shot. There was still one minute and 10 seconds to play when Harper again fouled Wiley, but this time the Ducks took the ball out of bounds. With 25 seconds to go Rinearson fouled Wiley with two shots awarded. Wiley missed the first, took the second out of bounds and again it was Wiley who got into the Beavers' hair, and this time it was with a field goal that tied the score at 69-all with five seconds to play. Crandall fired a long howitzer from mid floor which split the net, but the gun had fired a split second before he got the shot away.

In the second overtime Rinearson scored on a push shot from the key. Holman broke through for a lay-in, Peterson scored on a free throw and then Harper put the Beavers in with another lay-in and the ball game was history.

Next to Crandall in Oregon State's scoring department was Holman with 11 points. Others who scored were: Peterson, 9 points; Harper, 8; Harvey Watt and Rinearson 6 apiece; Ray Snyder, 4; Ed Fleming and Jim Catterall 2 apiece; and Dick Ballantyne and Paul Sliper

one point apiece.

University of Oregon 45 -- O.S.C. 47, Corvallis, Oregon, February 5, 1949.

The final game of the Conference season ended with Oregon State victorious again as they defeated the University of Oregon for the third time, the score being 47-to-45.

The first half of play was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way. The score was tied eight times with Oregon State in the lead until a 15-all deadlock. Oregon went ahead for the first time when Bob Lavey hit with a field goal and Bob Amacher added another to make it 19-to-15 before Oregon State rallied. It was big Ed Fleming, fully recovered from his ankle injury, who tied the score at 20-all with five minutes left in the half.

Both teams were blanked for a few minutes until just before the gun when Ed Fleming, after a free throw, scored on a desperation long shot from mid-floor; as the gun ended the half, Oregon State led 23-to-20.

In the second half the Beavers maintained their lead until the 14 minute mark when Bob Lavey stole the ball from Bill Harper and dribbled in to score and 30 seconds later Roger Wiley tipped one in for a 40-all deadlock.

With five minutes to go, Alex Peterson drove in to score for an Oregon State lead which the Beavers kept the remainder of the game. With two minutes remaining, Oregon State enjoyed a 47-to-41 lead which was protected with a stalling offense.

Leading the Beaver offense, again, was Cliff Crandall with 14 points, closely followed by Len Rinearson and Fleming with 9 and 8 points respectively. Other scorers in the last Conference game were Tommy Holman with 7 points, Harper with 6, Peterson with 2, and Ray Snyder with 1.

The play-off games for the Pacific Coast Conference championships, between Oregon State College and the University of California at Los Angeles were played at Corvallis on March 12, 13, and 15. It was a repeat performance for the two schools as they also competed in 1947 for the coast championship with Oregon State the winner.

Freshman coach Paul Valenti scouted U.C.L.A. in their final two conference games against the University of Southern California and was impressed by the play of the Bruins. He rated the Bruins a much better team than the one the Beavers defeated 65-to-58 in the San Francisco Cow Palace Tourney earlier in the season.

The Bruins' attack, which had netted 10 straight victories was built around George Stanich, Charles Clustka, and Carl Kraushaar.

U.C.L.A. opened the series with Ralph Joeckel and Paul Saunders, forwards; Carl Kraushaar, center; and George Stanich and Ed Sheldrake at guards. Oregon State had as its starting quintet: Cliff Crandall and Len Rinearson, forwards; Ed Fleming, center; and Bill Harper and Dick Ballantyne, guards.

University of California at Los Angeles 41 -- O.S.C. 53, Corvallis, Oregon, March 12, 1949.

It was all Oregon State in the opening game of the play-offs as they romped over the Bruins of U.C.L.A. 53-to-41.

The Beavers virtually smothered the U.C.L.A. fast break, holding the Bruins to four field goals in the first half and six in the second half. Oregon State's tight man-to-man defense bothered the Bruins throughout and the Californians could not get anything but hurried shots. Their free throws kept them in the running, however, through 25 minutes of the game.

They trailed only 20-to-16 at the half, and had closed the gap to 25-to-24 with five minutes gone in the second half. But then the Beavers clamped down on defense, not allowing another field goal for 10 minutes.

The Beavers surged far ahead under Crandall's floor leadership, once running up eight points in one minute and 45 seconds.

At the half-way mark of the second half, the margin was 36-to-26, and with five minutes remaining it was 43-to-30. Ernie Johnson, U.C.L.A. guard, broke the field goal drouth at this time, but the Bruins were well out of contention and never threatened.

The Beavers' surprise package in this game was Dan Torrey who came off the bench to help Crandall spark the Beavers. Torrey scored 15 points on five field goals and five free throws. He scored his field goals on one-handed push shots from the corners. His five free throws came on six attempts from the charity line.

As usual, it was Captain Crandall who led the Beavers with his great floor game and also contributed 16 points along with doing a

tremendous defensive job on U.C.L.A.'s top point maker, George Stanich.

Other point makers for the Beavers were Ed Fleming with six points, Len Rinearson with five, Alex Peterson, four; Dick Ballantyne, three; Jim Catterall, two; and Bill Harper and Ray Snyder one apiece.

University of California at Los Angeles 46 -- O.S.C. 39, Corvallis, Oregon, March 13, 1949.

A third game was necessary to determine the championship as the U.C.L.A. Bruins came back and defeated the Beavers 46-to-39 in the second game.

U.C.L.A. took command right from the start and went into a four-to-nothing lead, and with eight minutes played they were in front 13-to-8. At this point, however, Oregon State started a rally and on three foul shots and a field goal by Dan Torrey grabbed the first of two one-point leads, 14-to-13.

Carl Kraushaar put the Bruins ahead again 15-to-14, but Cliff Crandall immediately changed the score to 16-to-15 for the Beavers as he cashed in with a field goal. Ralph Joeckel, Bruin forward, regained the lead 17-to-16 and only for Alex Peterson's free throw which tied it up at 17-all the Bruins were never again headed. They ran the score to 24-to-21 as the gun ended the first half.

Coming back after the half, the Beavers narrowed the gap to one point 25-to-24, but field goals by Joeckel and Paul Saunders pulled the Bruins out of that spot. From there on in U.C.L.A. held margins of from four to eight points.

Peterson kept the Beavers in the game with three of the five

field goals the Staters were able to get in the half.

Oregon State's scoring in this contest was evenly spread out amongst all the players. The scoring went as follows: Crandall, 9; Torrey and Peterson, 7; Ed Fleming, Dick Ballantyne, and Tommy Holman 3 apiece; Len Rinearson, Bill Harper, and Ray Snyder 1 point.

University of California at Los Angeles 35 -- O.S.C. 41, Corvallis, Oregon, March 15, 1949.

The Beavers of Oregon State College were crowned champions of the Pacific Coast Conference when they defeated U.C.L.A. 41-to-35 in the final game of their three-game series.

Bill Harper opened the scoring in this championship game with a field goal and in the first six minutes of play the score was tied three times. Harper broke the 6-all tie with a free throw and from then on out Oregon State led throughout the game.

The half-time score was Oregon State 26 - U.S.L.A. 15.

Going into the second half with an 11 point lead Oregon State played a slow, deliberate game, taking only 14 shots and making three.

Altogether they took 50 shots and made 13. Each team made 13 field goals, but Oregon State made 15 free throws to 9 for U.C.L.A.

After six and a half minutes of play in the second half Oregon State had increased its lead 32-to-17 with Crandall and Dick Ballantyne leading the way. From this point to the end of the game it was a struggle by Oregon State to keep enough margin and by U.C.L.A. to cut it down. The Bruins kept chopping away at the lead, getting it to as

low as five points; but the Beavers ball-controlled effectively and it finally paid off with six points.

Oregon State's scoring was dominated by three men: Crandall, Ballantyne, and Peterson, all scored 9 points. Other scorers were Bill Harper with seven points, Ray Snyder with five, and Harvey Watt with two.

For Coach Slat Gill this was his and Oregon State's sixth Northern Division championship and third Pacific Coast Conference championship.

The championship qualified the Beavers for the National Collegiate Athletic Association play-offs in Kansas City on March 18 and 19. It was the second appearance in the N.C.A.A. play-offs for the Beavers, as they also participated in 1947.

Captain Cliff Crandall was the leading series scorer with 34 points followed by Carl Kraushaar with 32, Chuck Clustka with 26, Ralph Joeckel, 23; Dan Torrey, 22; and Alex Peterson, 20.

Oregon Staters receiving all-star honors for the Northern Division play were Cliff Crandall who made the first team; and Bill Harper as he was named to a guard position on the second team. Crandall was also a unanimous choice on the United Press 1949 all-Pacific Coast team. Crandall was also named to the Western team which met the East in the annual Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund All-Star game at Madison Square Garden.

Oregon State's opponents at Kansas City were the Arkansas Razorbacks, champions of the Southwest Conference.

Making the trip to Kansas City was the regular 12 man traveling squad which was made up of: Cliff Crandall, Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Ray Snyder, Ed Fleming, Paul Sliper, Bill Harper, Dick Ballantyne, Tommy Holman, Dan Torrey, Jim Catterall, and Harvey Watt.

In addition to Slat's Gill and his players, others making the trip were assistant athletic director, Loris Baker; athletic publicity director, Irwin Harris; trainer, Bill Robertson; and freshman coach, Paul Valenti; also Dr. Waldo Ball, team physician. Mrs. Gill, wife of Coach Slat's Gill made the trip with the team.

An interesting side light on the plane trip to Kansas City was that the United Airlines assigned Sally Watt, chief stewardess at Seattle, as stewardess for the trip. Her brother, Harvey Watt, was a member of the Beaver hoop squad.

Upon arriving in Kansas City, before even checking in at the Muehlebach Hotel, the Beavers rushed from the airport to the Municipal Auditorium where they saw Oklahoma A. & M. whip Nebraska 52-to-35 to become representative for the fifth district in the tourney.

The Beavers planned a work-out on the auditorium floor Thursday, March 17. The other three teams also practiced that day.

University of Arkansas 38 -- O.S.C. 56, Kansas City, Missouri, March 18, 1949.

Before a crowd of 10,200 Oregon State's Beavers defeated the University of Arkansas by a 56-to-38 score. The crowd was the largest in Kansas City history.

Oregon State started in front as Cliff Crandall made a free

throw and Arkansas never caught up until seven minutes had expired in the second half. It was Alex Peterson and Crandall who led the Beavers as they gained a 21-to-17 advantage at the half-way mark.

In the second half, the Razorbacks came back fighting and managed to tie the score at 25-all, 27-all, and 28-all; and with nine and a half minutes remaining to a one point lead, 30-to-29, on Cliff Horton's jump shot. Peterson immediately put Oregon State back on top with a lay-in and the Beavers swept to a 44-to-30 lead before Arkansas could score another point. With Peterson, Crandall, and Dick Ballantyne leading the way the Beavers scored 28 points in the last nine and one-half minutes.

For the night's work the Beavers scored 18 field goals to 13 for Arkansas and had a big night at the foul line with 21 hits in 28 attempts.

Leading Oregon State in the scoring department were Crandall and Ballantyne with 13 points apiece. Close behind was Peterson with 10 points.

By winning, the Beavers now qualified for the Western Regional finals and a contest against the powerful Oklahoma A. & M. Aggies.

Oklahoma A. & M. 55 -- O.S.C. 30, Kansas City, Missouri, March 19, 1949.

The Aggies scored one of the most decisive victories in the history of the Western play-offs when they defeated the Beavers 55-to-30.

Oklahoma scored in the opening seconds of play and steadily

moved to a ten-point lead, 21-to-11 at the half.

The Beavers got off to a slow start as they were held scoreless until Ray Snyder looped in a long shot after two minutes of play. At the ten minute mark Coach Slat's Gill substituted a complete new team with instructions to try and get Oklahoma out of their ball control offense into a fast breaking game. It didn't work, and the Aggies moved ahead to their ten point half-time lead.

The second half was practically as fruitless as the first for the Beavers. The Aggies big and rugged crew was just too much for the Beavers as they out-shot them badly and with their height advantage controlled the backboards at will.

Oregon State's only consistent scorer was Captain Cliff Crandall with 11 points.

Although the Staters were defeated by Oklahoma they still qualified for the N. C. A. A. finals at Seattle, Washington. They were scheduled to play the University of Illinois for third place in the N. C. A. A. national ratings.

The contest was publicized as a natural as it brought together the champions of the Big Nine and the Pacific Coast Conference.

Such a hoop showdown between the two leagues had not taken place for years.

University of Illinois 57 -- O.S.C. 53, Seattle, Washington, March 26, 1949.

Before a crowd of more than 12,000 in the Hec Edmundson Field House on the University of Washington campus, the University of

Illinois defeated Oregon State College 57-to-53. The victory gave the Illini third place in the N.C.A.A. national ratings. Oregon State placed fourth.

Oregon State, sparked by Cliff Crandall and Dick Ballantyne, got off to an 11-to-3 lead in the first five minutes.

At the ten minute mark the Illini attack began to spark. All-American gridders Dike Eddleman and Wally Osterkorn began to take the backboards over and Osterkorn started hooking his driving hook shots off the high post. The score was 14-to-8 at this time and the Illini ran up 14 points while holding Oregon State scoreless, and with 15 minutes of the half gone the Midwesterners were eight points ahead at 22-to-14. They increased the margin at the half, going into the intermission with a 28-to-19 lead.

With Crandall and Alex Peterson leading the way, the Beavers put on a great second half drive and finally caught the Illini. Half-way through the period a six-point streak by Crandall gave Oregon State a 43-to-41 lead. From then on the bigger and burlier Illini were trapped into numerous fouls which cost them some of their front line men. The Beavers pushed ahead 45-to-41 but the Illini failed to call it quits. They knotted the count at 49-all, 51-all, and 53-all before Walt Kersalis put them ahead at 55-to-53 and Dick Foley wrapped things up with a lay-in in the game's last 50 seconds.

Captain Crandall, who had led the Staters all year long with his great play and leadership again gained high point honors for his team with 18 points. Following Crandall in the Beaver scoring were

Ballantyne and Peterson with 8 points apiece. Other point makers were Harvey Watt with 6 points, Ed Fleming 5 points, Ray Snyder, 4, and Len Rinearson and Bill Harper with 2 each.

This thrilling contest with the University of Illinois climaxed the Beavers' season which saw them assemble 24 wins against 12 defeats in a long 36 game schedule. While the Orange team was achieving this notable success, Captain Crandall established an all-time individual scoring mark for the school with a total of 1156 points in his four-year varsity career, which included four conference and three preconference seasons.

For the 36 games he scored 439 points, an average of 12.2 per game which gave him the distinction of being the first Oregon State basketball player to reach the 400 mark in one year.

Second high individual scorer was Alex Peterson who had 205 points. Others, in order, were: Ray Snyder 173, Dick Ballantyne 160, Glen Kinney 128, Dan Torrey 123, Jim Catterall 110, Bill Harper 108, Tommy Holman 93, Ed Fleming 92, Len Rinearson 77, Harvey Watt 74, Paul Sliper 19, and Rudy Ruppe 2.

Along with his many other honors, Crandall was named to the second All-American team picked by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Coach Slat's Gill was in for some individual honors when he was awarded the Seattle Cougar Club's coach of the year trophy and also their team trophies which are annually awarded to the division champions.

The final honor of the year was paid to the Beavers when a

banquet was held for them in the Memorial Union ballroom with six hundred fans turning out for the occasion.

Honored guests were Governor and Mrs. McKay; Dr. and Mrs. Strand; Lynn Sabin, president of the alumni association, and Mrs. Sabin; Walter Pearson, state treasurer, and Mrs. Pearson; Paul Packer, chancellor of the state board of higher education, and Mrs. Packer; Ted Chambers, member of the state board, and Mrs. Chambers; and Mayor George W. Peavy of Corvallis, and Mrs. Peavy.

Johnny Carpenter, special events director for Radio Station KOIN was toastmaster.

Individual mantle clock trophies and jackets were awarded the players, and Coach and Mrs. Gill were presented with a chest of silverware.

Varsity basketball awards were earned by Dick Ballantyne, Jim Catterall, Cliff Crandall, Ed Fleming, Bill Harper, Tommy Holman, Glen Kinney, Alex Peterson, Len Rinearson, Paul Sliper, Ray Snyder, Dan Torrey, and Harvey Watt.

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